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Public Notices.

EXCURSION—from the [illegible] Stockton, &c., to LEEDS, on [illegible]. See Bills. 27

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY. [illegible] FEBRUARY 25TH. [illegible]SION TRAIN will leave Barnard Castle [illegible] with bookings from Cockfield, Evenwood, Auckland, Shildon, Darlington, &c., for [illegible]. 27

[illegible]L MATCH AT NEWCASTLE. [illegible]SION TRAIN will leave Eston Grange at [illegible] bookings from South Bank, Middlesbro', for NEWCASTLE. 27

[illegible] MATCH AT DARLINGTON. [illegible]OPOLITAN v. DARLINGTON. [illegible]SION TRAIN will leave Middlesbrough [illegible] DARLINGTON. 27

[illegible]ARDS are bills. 27

[illegible]FIELD HUNT STEEPLECHASES [illegible] National Hunt Rules will be held over [illegible] Estate, which is one of the finest [illegible]ng, on THURSDAY, 12th Mar.h, 1891, [illegible]STAKE of £40. [illegible]ND FLAT of £40. [illegible]FIELD HUNT STEEPLECHASE of £50. [illegible]H DURHAM HUNT CUP of £50. [illegible]WICK PLATE of £25, for Half-bred Hunters. [illegible]ance not later than 10 p.m. on Tuesday, 3rd [illegible]. For programmes, &c., apply to W. J. [illegible]MSON, Sedgefield.

TOWNSHIP OF THORNABY.

NOTICE is Hereby Given that a Petition [illegible] has been presented to Her Majesty in Council [illegible] Inhabitant Householders of the Local Board [illegible] South Stockton and Inhabitants of the [illegible] of Thornaby, in the North Riding of the [illegible] York, praying that the township of Thornaby [illegible] the District of the Local Board may be [illegible] a Municipal Borough, by the name of the [illegible] Thornaby-on-Tees, and that the provisions [illegible] Municipal Corporations Act may be extended to [illegible] Municipal Borough, and to the inhabitants [illegible] so incorporated; and Notice is Hereby Further [illegible] that at the said Petition will be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of Her [illegible] Most Honourable Privy Council on the 7th [illegible] of April one thousand eight hundred and ninety-[illegible].

Council Office, 23rd February, 1891.

[illegible]SSES OF MIDDLESBROUGH.—[illegible] Petition praying for the Exercise of the [illegible] of the people in the Appointment and Election [illegible] and Coroners, as provided in the "Justices of the Peace Bill," is now lying at the offices of Mr [illegible] Wardale & Dunning, Solicitors, Market-[illegible] Mr. Snow, Oldfellows' Hall; and T. and J. [illegible] Corporation Road, where you are earnestly [illegible] to visit Middlesbrough Tuesday next, [illegible] before the third day of March.

SCENES IN IRELAND.

[illegible]EN LECTURE in Bailey-street Schools, [illegible]URSDAY, at 7.15 p.m. 26

[illegible]SBROUGH Y.M.C.A.—The REV. [illegible]N DIXON, will preach on SUNDAY next. Subject: "The Bible and [illegible]." Tea to be taken at eight o'clock by the [illegible] Address on free. Collection.

[illegible]SES, HORSE DEALERS, AND [illegible] OTHERS.

BOROUGH OF DARLINGTON.

ANNUAL MARCH FAIR, 1891.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that this Annual [illegible] will be held on MONDAY, March 2nd, [illegible]ly order) R. T. STEAVENSON, Town Clerk. [illegible]n Hall, Darlington, 24th February, 1891.

TEMPERANCE HALL, DOVECOT-STREET, STOCKTON.

[illegible] R. JOHN

Will attend in his room daily from 10 to 1.30, 3 to 5, and [illegible] to 9. OPEN DAYS LONGER, for the Sale of his [illegible] PATENT MEDICAL DERIVATIVE OIL.

[illegible]ce to Her Queen's Rooms by side door [illegible] only: Prince Regent-street. 28

STEAMER BEAR RELIEF FUND.—The [illegible]steamer Bear, of Middlesbrough, was run down [illegible]th of February, on Sunday, January 25th, and as [illegible] are twelve Widows and about thirty-eight [illegible] the crew left unprovided for, a large and [illegible] Committee has been formed for the purpose [illegible] a Fund for the relief of such. The Committee [illegible] in the opinion of the Committee be necessary [illegible]

[illegible]ing the object to be a thoroughly deserving [illegible] the Committee earnestly hope that the public of [illegible]sbrough, Whitby, Filey, and Kirkwall will [illegible] in carrying the movement to a successful [illegible]

[illegible] will be gratefully received by any of [illegible] Committee or by the undersigned.

G. CORNEY WOOD (Mayor), Treasurer.
ALFRED SOCKETT, Honorary Secretary.
Municipal Buildings, Middlesbrough, January, 1891.

THOS. NORMANBY, ESTON, AND DIS[illegible] AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL [illegible]TY will hold their Second Annual SHOW early [illegible] AUGUST, in the beautiful Grounds at Normanby [illegible]. 25

THEATRE ROYAL, MIDDLESBROUGH.

THIS WEEK:—

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday — FALLEN AS TO THIEVES. Thursday A RING OF IRON. Friday—MARRIED NOT MATED. Saturday—THE LAND OF THE LIVING. Monday, March 2nd, 3rd-4th, Special Matinees Darlington Company in VENUS AND ADONIS.

[illegible]ORIA PALACE, Middlesbrough.—[illegible] Miss Billee Barlow, the Leading [illegible]ute Dancer of the Day; Mr George Fredericks, [illegible] Magician; Mr Wilson Wetzel, Mr J. P. Caniest, [illegible]ssrs Sabel and Claire, Miss Dot Hetherington, [illegible]ooria, the Spy's mother.

[illegible]ARITY THEATRE, West Hartlepool.—[illegible] Nine and CHARLESTENSEN'S famous [illegible] OPERA COMPANY.

ALHAMBRA VARIETY THEATRE, [illegible]-street (off Lynn street), West Hartlepool. [illegible]—First week:—Prof. Marvelle's Wondrous Performing Dogs; Miss Marie Violetta, Characteristic [illegible] Vocalist, and Mr Leonard Colvero, in his [illegible] of Musical Illustrations, John [illegible] his new and original creations, "Lord Billy," [illegible] Sketch Artistes. Prof. [illegible] in the Novel Performance, "Electricity," [illegible] Character Comedian. Messrs Ashley [illegible] Eccentric Knockabout Comedians. Wonderful [illegible] of Performing Cockatoos.

THEATRE ROYAL, NEWCASTLE.

[illegible]GANTIC SUCCESS OF [illegible]ICK WHITTINGTON."

[illegible], E.C.

LOOK OUT FOR THE TRIPS!

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Including
MIDDLESBROUGH,
DARLINGTON,
STOCKTON,
DURHAM,
HARTLEPOOL, &c.,

Received with cheers every Performance.

Commence at Two. EVERY NIGHT AT SEVEN.

[illegible] Professional Visits to the North.

LEEDS EYE AND EAR DISPENSARY,

Open daily 10 to 6. (Estb. 1871.)

MR C. MITCHELL, Oculist and Aurist.
Attendance at
Northern Hotel, Darlington, Monday, March 2.
Queen's Hotel, Stockton, Wednesday, Feb. 25.
Queen's Hotel, Durham, Saturday, Feb. 28.
Victoria Hotel, Middlesbrough, Tuesday, March 7.
Commercial Hotel, Northallerton, Wednesday, Mar. 4.
Queen's Hotel, Malton, Feb. 24.
Hours at Middlesbrough: 12 to 4.
Special Spectacles, &c., supplied.

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THE MIDDLESBROUGH BRANCH

Is OPEN at 185 LINTHORPE-ROAD, from 10 to 3, and on Saturday evenings from 6 to 8.

Any amount may be deposited.

Three per cent. interest allowed.

Withdrawals to any amount, may be withdrawn without notice, and sums on giving one day's notice.

Pass books are issued.

ARTHUR FORSTER, MANAGER.

NORTH RIDING PERMANENT BENEFIT SOCIETY, 43, Albert-rd., M'bro'.

Subscription paying for the Extension of the Franchise to the people in the Appointment and Election of Magistrates and Coroners, as provided in the "Justices of the Peace Bill," is now lying at the offices of Mr Wardale & Dunning, Solicitors, Market-street; Mr Calvey, Market-[illegible]; Mr Snow, Oldfellows' Hall; and T. and J. [illegible] Corporation-road, where you are earnestly [illegible] to visit Middlesbrough Tuesday next, [illegible] before the third day of March.

Situations Vacant.

ADVERTISEMENTS INSERTED UNDER THIS HEADING AT THE FOLLOWING PREPAID RATES:—16 WORDS, 1 DAY, 6d.....3 DAYS, 1s 3d.....7 DAYS, 2s 6d. 28 WORDS, 1 DAY, 9d.....3 DAYS, 1s 9d.....6 DAYS, 3s 6d. *This applies to "private" wants only of Servants, &c.*

APPRENTICES and Improvers Wanted to the Millinery. Apply E. J. Bright and Son, 131, Newport-road (opposite Infirmary), Middlesbrough. 28

AGENCY for Servants, Miss Wright, Derby House, Hartington-road, Stockton. Good Servants Wanted.

AGENCY for Servants.—Miss Hayllar, 9, Bridge-road, Stockton. Good Servants Wanted.

AGENCY for Servants; Mrs Rudd, 33, Mandale-road, South Stockton. Most reliable.

AGENTS Wanted, whole or spare time, commission and bonus. Ireton and Co., 92, Gracechurch-street, London.

AGENTS Wanted; salary £104 per year; constant work; experience unnecessary. Pendlebury and Co., 82, Harwich-road, Colchester.

AGENTS Wanted throughout Great Britain, calling on business people generally; whole or spare time. Apply S. and M., 12, Aldersgate Chambers, London, E.C.

BARMAID Wanted to manage a select bar; must be total and of good appearance. Apply personally, with reference, at Mrs McQueen, Waverley Hotel (opposite station), Sunderland.

BOYS.—Apprentices Wanted. Carreying Department. J. Robinson, Leather Merchant, Middlesbrough.

CANVASSERS Wanted; liberal terms to good men. Apply 95, Newgate-street, Bishop Auckland. 28

CIVIL Service.—Ages 14 to 20; salaries from £40 to £200; great demand in the Post Office for Ladies under 20; rapid preparation by correspondence and in class. 28, Nelson-terrace, Darlington.

COLLECTOR-SALESMEN Wanted; sharp, intelligent Young Men with good references; exceptional terms to men of good ability. Apply, by letter, giving 3 first-class references, The Singer Manufacturing Co., 60, Newport-road, Middlesbrough.

COMMERCIAL - ROOM Waitress (experienced) Wanted immediately. Apply Vane Arms Hotel, Stockton.

COOK (good) Wanted immediately. Apply Mrs Putman, Thorn Lea, Darlington.

COOK (plain) Wanted for Business House. Apply Housekeeper, Carter and Co., Stockton.

COOK (good, plain) Wanted immediately; two in family; no washing. Miss Hayllar's Registry, Bridge-road, Stockton.

COOK (experienced) Wanted, age 25 to 30; assistance given. Mrs G. Pyman, Rose Bank, West Hartlepool.

COOK.—Wanted immediately, good plain Cook for Ferryhill; knowledge of dairy preferred. Cook-Generals, Nurse, and Housemaids for district. Mrs Reid, 26, Newcomen-street, Redcar.

COUNTRY Girl, willing to milk or learn. Apply with particulars, Miss Wright, Derby House, Stockton.

DRAPERY.—An Indoor Apprentice Wanted; small premium required. Apply Robson, Wood, and Co., Richmond, Yorks.

DRAPERY.—Wanted, well-educated Youth as Apprentice; one who has served part of his time not objected to. Apply Frank & Co., Drapers, Stockton. 25

DRAPERY.—An Assistant Wanted at J. Barnly's, Spennymoor; live out; one accustomed to men's mercery.

DRAPERY.—Wanted, active, smart Youth as an Apprentice; live out; also, a Young Lady as an Apprentice for Fancy Counter. Jackson, High street, Stockton. 25

DRESSMAKING.—Wanted, thoroughly experienced Bodice Hands. Apply Miss Hogg, Wycliffe, Darlington. 4

DRESSMAKING.—Apprentices Wanted at once. Apply Mrs Fryer, 36, Millbank-street, Middlesbrough. 2

DRESSMAKER (live out) Wanted; competent hand; must take charge of workroom; age, salary, &c. Baker and Sons, Guisborough.

DRESS and Mantle Maker Wanted, must be efficient and practical. Address Box B, "Gazette" Office, West Hartlepool.

FANCY Dry-Goods.—Young Lady required as Apprentice or Improver to the Fancy Drapery and Underclothing, Gunson and Cocking, Linthorpe-road, Middlesbrough. 26

FURNISHING Department.—Wanted, active Junior Assistant. Wright and Archbould, Sussex-street, Middlesbrough. 26

GARDENER Wanted; three days a week. J. S. G., Primrose, 80, High street, Stockton-on-Tees. 27

GROCERY.—Wanted, smart Youth, one to two years' experience. Address Y16, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 27

GENERAL Servant Wanted, not under 20. Frank and Co., Drapers, 32, High-street, Stockton. 26

GENERAL Servant (good) Wanted. Apply 1, Trentham-terrace, North-road, Stockton.

GENERAL Servant (good) Wanted at once. Apply Mrs Middleton, Royal Hotel, Brotton. 28

GENERAL Servant Wanted; good plain cook. Apply Mrs Hall, Cambridge-terrace, Norton. 26

GENERAL Servant Wanted, about 17. Apply 13, Mandale-road, South Stockton. 26

GENERAL Servant (good) Wanted; fond of children; good references required. Kelsey, 68, Martonroad, Middlesbrough. 26

GENERAL Servant Wanted; strong; age, 17 or 18; from country preferred. 1, Southfield-road, Middlesbrough. 26

GENERAL Servant (good) Wanted, not under 20; able to bake and wash; young girl preferred. Apply Mrs Middleton, Green Tree Inn, Stockton. 27

GENERAL Servant (experienced) Wanted; good references required. Mrs Dunbavand, The Park, West Hartlepool.

GENERAL Servant (experienced) who can undertake entire management. Apply, with particulars, Miss Wright's, Derby House, Stockton. 2

GENERAL Servant Wanted; country girl, used to children, age 18; no washing. Mrs Wiggins, Stokesley.

GENERAL Servant (experienced) Wanted near Stockton for one lady. Apply Miss Hayllar's Registry, Bridge-road, Stockton. 26

GENERAL Servant Wanted, able to wash and cook. Apply Thompson, Butcher, Bowesfield-lane, Stockton-on-Tees. 28

GENERAL Servants Wanted at once; not under 20; country preferred. Apply 6, Woodlands-terrace, Middlesbrough.

GENERAL Servant Wanted, able to do plain cooking. Apply Mrs Davison, Royal Oak Hotel, Stockton.

GENERAL Servant (respectable) Wanted; no children; good home for steady experienced girl. Heslop, Stanley House, Ocean-road, South Shields. 26

GENERAL Servant (experienced) at once; good wages. 7, St. Vincent-terrace, Coniham, Redcar.

GENERAL Servant (good) Wanted, about 20 to 24; must be able to wash and bake well; good wages to an open-hearted girl. Apply at the "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough.

GENERAL Servant Wanted at once; country girl preferred; able to wash; good references. Apply, Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, 8, Lawrence-street, Stockton.

GENERAL Servant Wanted; housemaid kept. Apply, with reference, Mrs Kay, Rockside, Hartlepool. 28

GIRL (strong) Wanted, age about 17. Apply Mrs Robinson, Station Villas, South Bank. 27

GIRL Wanted, about 16; from country preferred; in small family. Mrs Pollard, Vyner-terrace, Stockton. 26

HARMONIUMIST Wanted for St. John's Church, South Bank. Apply Rev. R. Roberts, Stapylton Villas.

HAT and Hosiery Trade.—Wanted at once, Junior Assistant. Apply Bach Brothers, Middlesbrough. 26

HOUSEMAID Wanted at once. Apply Mrs Carter, 9, West End-terrace, Yarm-lane, Stockton.

HOUSEMAID (experienced) Wanted. Address, stating age and wages required, K40, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 26

HOUSEMAID for two in family; also, several Cooks, Generals, and Nurse-Housemaids Wanted for the term. County Registry, Charles-street, West Hartlepool.

HOUSEKEEPER (middle-aged) Wanted at once for Working Man. Apply W. Ray, Lodge street, Byers Green.

HORSEKEEPER.—Wanted, Single Man, to act as Horsekeeper underground. Apply Castle Eden Colliery. 3

HOW To Make Money!—Write for samples and terms, or accept Agency for the Sale of Birch Bros' wonderful Blended Teas; cheapest in England. Address Central Supply Stores, West Hartlepool.

KITCHENMAID (experienced) Wanted; also Waitress. Apply Station Restaurant, Middlesbrough.

KNITTING Machines.—Harrison Gold Medal Swift; Wanted, buying agents. Works: 48, Upper Brook-street, Manchester.

LADY Wanted as Nursery-Governess or Mother's Help. Reply, stating salary required, L6, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 26

LEDGER Clerk (thoroughly competent) Wanted; age about 30; unexceptionable reference as to character and ability; a permanency to a suitable man. Address Ledger Clerk, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough.

MILLINERY.—Wanted, Young Ladies as Apprentices. Apply to Frank and Co., Drapers, Stockton. 26

MAN Wanted as Hay Cutter. Apply John Bateman, Hay Dealer, Sedgefield. 27

MAN Wanted as Basket and Hamper Maker. Apply Wallis, Manufacturer, 13, Cannon-street, Middlesbrough. 27

MEN.—Wanted, active and steady Men wishing to increase their incomes. Write to J. Bewick, 70, Chillingham-road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 28

MEN (two, respectable) Wanted to Travel for Tea; must have good connection on present ground; good salary. Apply Gordon Bros., Wholesale and Retail Grocers, Parkfield, Stockton.

NURSE (experienced) Wanted; under nurse kept. Apply Mrs R. G. Dawes, Yarm-on-Tees. 26

NURSE (good) Wanted, about 18; must be fond of children, and of good character. Apply by letter, with references, to P6, "Gazette" Office, M'bro. 3

NURSE HOUSEMAID Wanted, 25, one child; also, an experienced Housemaid and plain Cook; good wages. County Registry, Charles-street, West Hartlepool.

OFFICE Boy Wanted; must know town well. Mr Taylor, 85, Albert-road, Middlesbrough. 27

PLUMBER Wanted at once, good experienced Hand; none other apply; send reference. Stephenson Bros., Plumbers, Scarborough. 27

PURCHASING Agents Wanted in all towns in four Northern counties where not already represented; also, spare time Agents in all colliery districts in above-named circuit; we are prepared to arrange terms on exceptionally liberal basis. Apply Rudge Cycle Co., Limited, St. John's-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. m18

ST. John's Girls' School, Middlesbrough.—Wanted, a competent Assistant Mistress; Churchwoman; good disciplinarian; Tonic Sol-fa. Apply the Vicar. 28

TAILORS (reliable, steady) Wanted. G. Etheridge, 65a, High-street, Stockton. 27

TO Saddlers.—Wanted, good General Hand or Improver. Apply Etherington, Hurworth-on-Tees. 4

Situations Vacant.

TO Joiners.—Strong Boy Wants Situation as Apprentice; aged 15. Apply Crouch, "Gazette" Office, Skelton. 27

TO Painters.—Improver Wanted, with a knowledge of graining and writing and general work. W. D. Allan, Painter and Paperhanger, South Stockton-on-Tees. 26

TRAVELLER Wanted for the oil trade; must have experience and connection. State particulars to H.S., "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 3

WAITRESS. — Experienced Commercial-room Waitress Wanted. Apply, with references, Mrs Samuel, Station Temperance Hotel, West Hartlepool. 3

WANTED, a Housemaid. Apply Mrs Ridley, Bank Hartlepool. 27

WORKING Housekeeper for Butcher Wanted immediately; wages £15. Apply, with particulars, Miss Wright's Agency, Stockton.

YOUTH (strong and trustworthy) Wanted for Horse and Warehouse. C. Brown, Grocer, High-street, Stockton. 27

YOUTH (clean, strong) Wanted; age 15 or 16. Apply Albany Temperance Hotel, Middlesbrough. 27

YOUTH (respectable, strong) Wanted; age about 15 years. Apply R. Burnett, Butcher, Borough road West, Middlesbrough.

YOUNG Man (active) Wanted, to attend to pony and trap and make himself generally useful; one thoroughly acquainted to the work; with good character. Apply R. Conway, North Ormesby. 28

£2 WEEKLY and upwards may be realised by either sex, without hindering present occupation. For sample, &c., enclose addressed envelope, Evans, Wade, and Co., P136, Merchants, Birmingham. This is genuine.

Situations Wanted.

CLEANING or Washing Wanted by the day. Apply 20, Thorpe-street, Stockton. 23

SITUATION Wanted by domesticated young Woman as Nurse or any light work; 7 years' experience. Address C15, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough.

SITUATION Wanted by a Young Man as Assistant to Grocery; seven years' experience; total abstainer. J. J. L., "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 26

SITUATION Wanted as Working Housekeeper with respectable family. Mrs Metcalf, 75, Farrar-street, Middlesbrough. 26

SITUATION Wanted by Youth, age 14; honest, trustworthy, energetic. Address R20, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough.

SITUATION Wanted as Housekeeper to respectable working man; good needle woman. Apply 3, Emanuel-street, Stockton. 26

SITUATION Wanted as Caretaker or any place of trust; wife experienced cook; first-class testimonials. Apply 22, Walter-street, Yarm-road, Stockton. 3

SITUATION Wanted as Foreman, Timekeeper, or any position of trust; experienced in the manufacture of salt; excellent references. G7, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 3

Partnerships.

PARTNER Wanted with £200 capital, Cycle and Electrical Engineering. Address G19, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 28

Miscellaneous Wants.

BEST Prices given for Ladies' and Gentlemen's Cast-off Clothing by Mrs Gibson, 7, Castlegate, Stockton-on-Tees. Personal attendance in town or country; cash per return for all parcels.

CAST-OFF Clothing Wanted.—Mrs Pinto, 7, Bridge-street, Middlesbrough, continues giving 20 per cent. more for every description of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Cast-Off Clothing than any other dealer. Ladies privately waited upon. Cash remitted same day on parcels received. Highest references given if required. 28

FURNITURE Warehoused at 38, Marton-road, Middlesbrough. m2

HOUSE Wanted (by end of April), 9 or 10 rooms; not more than five minutes' walk from The Square, Stockton-on-Tees. Address E24, "Gazette" Office, Stockton.

PROPERTY.—Repairs promptly by practical workmen. Address T. Wood, 80, Church-st., M'bro'.

RENTS Collected; Property Managed. Terms apply T. Colbert, House Agent, 46, Wilton-street, Middlesbrough. a30

SPRING Cart Wanted; good condition; suitable for pony in hands. Apply W. Thompson, Fruiterer, 8, High-street, Redcar. 26

SHIRTINGS Shrunk and Made Up for 6d each shirt at J. Lengh, 7, Newport-road, Middlesbrough; large stock for immediate delivery. Write or call.

W. J. BELL, 26, Corporation-road.—Good, strong, useful Cottage Furniture for Cash or Easy Payments. Inspection invited.

5 OR Respectable Householders Wanted to Purchase their Clothing upon Easy Weekly Payments at Pinto's, 7, Bridge-street, Middlesbrough. Men's, Youths', and Boys' Suits, ready-made or to measure; Moleskin, Corduroy, &c. No extra charge made for credit, but at the lowest cash price. 28

Apartments.

APARTMENTS (comfortable) Wanted by a Young Lady; good locality. Address E3, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough.

APARTMENTS.—Sitting-room and Bed-room To Let; good locality; terms moderate. Address P13, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 26

APARTMENTS (comfortable) Wanted. State terms, which must be moderate. Box 5, "Gazette" Office, Stockton. 27

COMFORTABLE Lodgings for a respectable Working Man; no family. Apply Box 14, "Gazette" Office, Stockton. 28

COMFORTABLE Lodgings for one or two young Men; no children. Dr. Pugh's, 149, Linthorpe-road, Stockton. 2

LODGINGS (comfortable) for 2 Young Men, near Works; terms moderate. Apply 22, Portrack-lane, Stockton.

SITTING-room and Bed-room Wanted, on strictly moderate terms, for two or three months; west of Cleveland preferred. Address "E," c/o Coverdale's Library, Redcar.

To be Let.

CLUB-ROOM To Let; easy terms. Apply J. Duffy, 1, Kirby Sun Inn, Thornaby-road, Stockton. 25

HOUSE and Shop To Let, 26, Linthorpe-road; immediate possession. Apply 24, Newport-road, Middlesbrough. 27

HUTTON Rudby.—Pleasant country House, to let; rooms, coach-house, stable, garden; splendid water. Apply Baker, Artist, Stockton-on-Tees. 27

THE Empire Refreshment Bars, Stockton, To Let; fully licensed. Apply Davison, Manager. 28

TO Let, House and Shop in Bridge-road, Stockton, now occupied by Mr Heggett, Music Dealer. For terms apply to Messrs Fawcett and Faber, Solicitors, Finkle-street, Stockton.

VILLA at Thornaby (20 minutes' from South Stockton Station); Dining and Drawing Rooms, 7 Bed-rooms, Coach-house, Stabling, Men's-rooms, Kitchen and Flower Garden, Tennis Lawn; immediate possession, Cuthbert, Grocer, South Stockton. m24

Property, Land, &c., for Sale.

EXCELLENT House, No. 5, Clyde-terrace, Stockton, containing dining, drawing, and breakfast rooms, 6 bed-rooms, bath, hot and cold water; w.c., 2 cellars, fully colared throughout; large back yard, with the usual out-offices. Apply G. Nicholson, 44, Garbutt-street, Stockton. 3

GROVE Hill-road.—To Be Sold, capital family House (new); 10 large Rooms, Bath, h. and c., W.C.; every convenience; papered and decorated, cheap, only wants seeing. Chas. Tinsley, Saltburn. m3

GLOUCESTER Villa, North Ormesby, with carriage entrance, garden at back and front, price £475; also, Villa at Linthorpe, with half acre of land, price £750; House and Shop in Durham-street, in first-class repair, with six bedrooms, shop and back premises built, price £370; Six-roomed House in Invamand-street; Six-roomed House in Borough-terrace, £265. Address Y26, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 3

HARTINGTON-ROAD.—Two good Houses For Sale. Apply to Langley and Elliot, Solicitors, 28, High-street, Stockton-on-Tees.

HOUSE (five-roomed) For Sale in Kent-street. Apply at 6, Kent-street, Middlesbrough. 2

HOUSE (7 rooms), Grange-road. For Sale, cheap; no reasonable offer refused. Address K10, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 2

HOUSE (7 rooms) in 18, Pembroke-street, Middlesbrough, For Sale; cheap. Apply 3, Clarendon-terrace, Linthorpe-road, Middlesbrough. m10

HOUSE For Sale in Garnet-street; 5 rooms and scullery attached. Address K42, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 26

HOUSE For Sale, in Bishopton-lane, 8 rooms, bath, and wash-house, electric bells, hot and cold water throughout, large garden in front; price £400. Apply 13, Shaftsbury-street, Stockton. 10

HOUSES.—Two commodious family Houses, situate and being Nos. 8 and 10, Russell-street, North Stockton; in excellent order and condition; a portion of the purchase money can remain on mortgage. Apply Mrs Elgie, No. 8. 3

HOUSE (Woodlands-road), containing nine rooms, bath, and w.c., &c., with immediate possession. For Sale. Apply Geo. Robson, Solicitor, 23, Linthorpe-road, Middlesbrough. 28

JOINER'S Shop and House For Sale; also, a number of Cottages. Robert Sweeting, Newport-road, Middlesbrough. 15

LAND.—Several Plots For Sale, suitable for small houses in Ewbank-street, Mansfield-street, and Eggleston-terrace, Stockton-on-Tees. Apply Mr Geo. Fletcher, Archibald, Stockton.

LAND.—For Sale, cheap, a quantity of Building Land in Buck and Robinson Streets; suitable for workmen's cottages; in lots to suit purchasers. Apply to W. D. Thompson, 73, Grange-road East, Middlesbrough. 28

MELROSE House, Linthorpe, For Sale; 8 rooms and bath-room; greenhouse and one acre of garden, well laid out and planted; also, 800 yards grass land, or thereabouts. Apply to Mrs Barron, on the Premises. m19

MARSKE-BY-THE-SEA.—For Sale, 12 Freehold Cottages and ground, 780 square yards; entrance High-street; a bargain for £300. Apply Samuel Jarvis, High street, Marske. 26

SHOP and House For Sale, East-street, Middlesbrough; Shop and House, Eldon-street, South Stockton; both have cellars. Particulars of W. Bennington and Sons, Stockton-on-Tees.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1891.

THE SILKSWORTH EVICTIONS.

THE war begun at Silksworth somewhat lightheartedly on both sides is rapidly extending, and seems to be developing new complications and embitterments every day. "Behold! how great a matter a little fire kindleth!" A misunderstanding between a manager and his men by-and-bye involves a pit's workers and the deputies in dispute; then the whole mining industry in the county of Durham makes the quarrel its own; the two powerful trade organisations—the Coalowners' Association and the Miners' Union—rush into conflict as if war were their chief business; and now we hear that the immediate victims of the ruinous strife—the people who have been turned out of their homes, joined with neighbours who are threatened with similar chastisement, and a great body of sympathisers drawn from the surrounding collieries—have come into violent collision with the police. The County Constabulary are not chargeable either with indiscretion or inconsiderateness in the discharge of their duties. It is, indeed, an open secret that most of them, especially those of their number best acquainted with the facts and causes of the controversy, and with the character of the people of Silksworth, have no liking for the work in which they are now engaged. If they were not an organised body subject to discipline and held together by a strong sense of loyalty to their superior authority and to duty they would probably disperse from the scene even more quickly than the disgusted "candymen" from Hartlepool. But now that, in the performance of an odious service as protectors of the strangers who are the legal agents of outrage at Silksworth, they have been obliged to fight with the people and draw blood in self-defence, estrangement and animosity may quickly arise between them and the villagers with whom they desired to remain on friendly relations. If the miners and their sympathisers are wise they will listen to the counsel of their leaders and keep strictly within the law alike as witnesses of the evictions and as workmen under contract. But counsels of prudence are not easily listened to by men and women provoked to retaliation as the people of Silksworth have been and still are; and at any moment a riot may ensue which will bring the military into action.

We cannot believe that those responsible for bringing things to the present deplorable pass in the erewhile peaceful and prosperous village of Silksworth—so long a credit to the Londonderry administration and a pride and ornament to the whole mining community—can think of the results of their mismanagement and of their ill-advised obstinacy with any comfort or satisfaction. Perhaps it is too late in the day to appeal to the executives of the two warring associations to seek a settlement of the mischievous struggle by means of a compromise. But surely it is not too late to appeal to them to refer the dispute to arbitration. There is, however, a second and perhaps more excellent and more expeditious way to settlement. That road is to be found in the action or submission of the non-unionist deputies. A word from the Coalowners, Association, or a hint from the managers who represent that confederation, could almost instantaneously bring about the restoration of peace. The owners justify their action by representing to themselves and to the country that they are protecting freedom of labour—that they are refusing to let men devoted to their interests be forced into a trades union against their will. But there is another side to this question. They are supporting and encouraging a minority of a small class of men who, with the aid of the employers and their managers, are endeavouring to concuss the majority of their colleagues into separation from the Miners' Union. It may be that the owners are entitled to regard the deputies as masters' men;—as representatives of the interests of the owners underground. But the deputies may be masters' men, and still be members of the Miners' Union. To hold the opposite view is to deny the substantial and practical identity of interest between employers and employed of which the capitalists are in the habit of speaking a great deal when they are anxious to prevent a strike or to persuade their workmen into acceptance of their views on any question of administration. Certainly it has not been proved that membership of the Miners' Union is inconsistent with the faithful discharge of duty to their employers on the part of the deputies. On the contrary, it is being shown that such membership, by contributing to friendly and trustful relations between the deputies and the ordinary working staff, is fitted to promote the maintenance of peace and goodwill underground just at the point of the actual contact of the two interests; and that kind of service is of infinitely greater importance and value to the owners than any advantage likely to be derived from the establishment of a system of espionage which would doubtless tend to produce alienation and conflict. We repeat the view expressed the other day that, for the sake of a most questionable advantage, the Coalowners' Association are putting themselves in the position of supporting, not freedom of labour, but a dissenting minority of one of their smaller sections of workmen who, in the belief that they are doing something acceptable and pleasing to the managers, are endeavouring to compel the majority of their class to secede from the Miners' Union. And the results of this ill-advised support are the desolation of the beautiful village of Silksworth, conflicts between the guardians of the law and a people eminently peaceable in their disposition—with the prospect of further bloodshed and of an extension of the area of conflict to the whole County of Durham, and with disastrous results to every industrial and commercial enterprise in the North of England.

The masters, we have said, could end the strife at once by letting the non-unionist deputies, who are seeking their favour understand that they are on the wrong tack—that as masters' men they are found not to be promoting the masters' interest in separating themselves from the Miners' Union and in adhering to a position which is proving so abundantly productive of social and industrial mischief. But whether or not the owners follow the line of action thus indicated, which makes for peace, we trust the dissenting deputies themselves will adopt it. They must see by this time that it is impossible for them, a minority of a small section of the great mining community, to face the responsibility for the dispersion of families in which they may have near and dear relatives, for the breaking up of homes occupied by men and women whom they have found good neighbours, for the introduction into their native villages of the painful experiences which Mr Balfour's Coercionist Act administration has taught us to associate with Irish misery and misfortune, and for the spread of industrial and commercial ruin throughout the North of England. The non-unionist deputies must to-day realise, if they never realised before, that for them to continue the struggle is not only to make the lives of many thousands miserable, but their own unbearable. It will be impossible for them in the future to retain the respect and good-will of their former friends and neighbours, whose respect and good-will are essential to their comfort; and the favour of a petty despot of a manager is a small compensation for such a loss. The truth is, the masters or their representatives, the managers, have little to give them in comparison with the friendship of friends and neighbours, or even with the substantial advantages secured by association with the Union; and they will consult at once their own best interests—their self-respect, their independence, and their social comfort—as well as the interests of the whole mining and industrial community, by forthwith returning to their more natural and more fitting allegiance. They can be faithful masters' men without being bondsmen. That service is most honourable and generally most efficient which is free and independent; and as members of the Miners' Union deputies who have been working miners before, and may on very short notice be made working miners again, will find more freedom and independence than as members of a small sectional association patronised by the owners.

LORD SALISBURY is a man of science as well as of affairs. He is an amateur electrician while a politician and a statesman. He was therefore not out of place as the chief guest at the jubilee dinner of the Chemical Society held last night at the Hotel Metropole, London. His lordship gave practical proof of his fitness for the position by delivering a strictly non-political speech. In proposing "Prosperity to the Chemical Society," he recited the great triumphs achieved by chemical science in the past; but brilliant as its past services had been he predicted for it still greater accomplishments in the future. It seemed to him, he said, that chemistry was entering upon a new stage, in which it might win splendid victories and produce a state of things of which our forefathers never dreamed; and he gracefully assigned a large share of the credit in advance to the Chemical Society.

IF it be true that Lord Randolph Churchill's Paddington speech has caused much consternation in the Tory camp, it is not less so that Mr Chamberlain's resuscitation of his unauthorised programme—and an excellent programme it was—has created nothing less than a panic among the Liberal Unionists. That programme, at the time, Mr Chamberlain went up and down the country parading it, almost drove the "moderate" Liberals out of their wits. Lord Hartington did something more than sulk. He attacked both the programme and its author. Mr Goschen fought it fiercely. Mr Chamberlain was at that time called some nasty names. Lord Salisbury likened him to Jack Cade. Mr Chamberlain replied with a sneer at "those who toil not, neither do they spin." Lord Hartington was given the name of "Rip Van Winkle," and it has stuck to him; while Mr Goschen was described as "the skeleton at the Liberal feast."

ABOUT that time a Liberal banquet was held in Mid-Lothian. Mr Goschen was at the feast. The names of the Liberal leaders were emblazoned on the walls—all of them except that of Mr Chamberlain. The omission led to an apology, but there were many good Liberals of that time who believed that an insult was intended, and that the Goschenites were mainly responsible for it. Now, if Lord Hartington and Mr Goschen had so little Liberalism in them in 1885, when Mr Chamberlain's proposals so frightened them, we fear five years' association with Toryism has not made them more Liberal or more courageous. If Mr Chamberlain persists in forcing his long-neglected programme, the Hartingtons and the Goschens will be "dead and done for." But Mr Chamberlain has yet to prove his earnestness. He must renounce Coercion before he persuades the English people that he is ready to assist them in obtaining Liberal legislation; he must give proof of his loyalty. His latest voice has been the voice of Jacob, but his hands are Esau's hands still, and he is using them in Birmingham and elsewhere to get Coercionist candidates to oppose Home Rule candidates—Unionist candidates to fight Liberal candidates.

THE Liberals of Leeds last week celebrated the completion of their large and beautiful new club. Yesterday Mrs Gladstone, as the mother of one of the borough members and the wife of the Liberal leader, opened a bazaar on behalf of the furnishing fund of the new institution. She delivered on the occasion a happy and graceful speech, and assured "faithful Leeds" of the continued health and strength of the aged statesman, who was generously provided with a seat at Leeds in 1880 in case he should fail in his gallant and happily successful attempt to capture the premier county of Scotland from the Tories. Subsequently, in acknowledging a complimentary address presented by the Women's Liberal Association, Mrs Gladstone summoned her political friends to confirm and emphasise the verdict they gave in 1886. "At the last election," she said, "Leeds declared by a large majority for Home Rule, when the party was shattered by defection and apathy. Leeds cannot go back from the promise then made to Ireland. Rather, we may feel assured that a still larger majority will declare that Ireland must be given that self-government to which she is entitled by every consideration of justice and reason." Mrs Gladstone evidently does not intend to desert the cause of Ireland because of the misconduct of one representative.

"ASSIMILATION of franchise" might be adopted as one of the planks of the Liberal programme, along with "one man one vote." The subject was brought before Parliament yesterday by the Parochial Boards (Scotland) Bill, the object of which is to place the parochial boards in Scotland, the equivalents of the Boards of Guardians in England, on the same elective basis as county and borough councils and other representative bodies. One needed reform is the unification of electoral registers. The same electoral roll ought to suffice for the choice of all our public governing bodies, whether Parliamentary, municipal, educational or parochial; the qualification in each case should be the same, and all the elections should be conducted in the same way. This assimilation would secure perfect electoral equality; and it would, at the same time, greatly simplify and cheapen our electoral procedure. The universal adoption of the municipal roll and mode of voting would, for example, at once settle the Women's Suffrage question, for women householders are municipal voters; and it would put an end to the cumbrous and in many ways most objectionable cumulative vote. The measure discussed in the House of Commons yesterday raised only a fraction of the question. But so far as the Bill goes it is a step in the right direction, and although a second reading was refused by 185 votes to 159, the welcome given to the reform justifies the expectation that in the next Liberal and reforming House a much longer step will be taken towards the assimilation of the franchises.

A BANKER ACQUITTED OF MURDER.

Mr Cowles, banker, of Clark, Nebraska, who was recently arrested for the murder of his wife, has been acquitted. The accused declared that his wife was murdered by a masked burglar, who entered his house in the middle of the night.

THE ALLEGED TREASON IN CANADA.

Sir Richard Cartwright, the leader of the Opposition party in Canada, has published a letter in which he stigmatises as impudent calumnies the assertions that he and other Liberal leaders entered into treasonable conspiracies for the annexation of Canada to the United States.

INCREASED MORTALITY IN YORKSHIRE TOWNS.

The past week has shown a considerable increase of mortality in some of the large Yorkshire towns. Huddersfield has risen from 20·1 to 31·0, Halifax from 16·3 to 37·7, Bradford from 18·2 to 19·3, and Leeds from 19·3 to 21·7 per thousand. Sheffield improved from 20·0 to 18·5, and Hull from 19·0 to 14·9. Measles were somewhat fatal in Huddersfield, Halifax, and Leeds, and scarlet fever still remains its hold in Bradford.

THE MAYBRICK CASE.

The Baroness von Roque, mother of Mrs Maybrick, arrived in England on Monday last from France and had a long interview yesterday with her solicitor, Mr Pooley, of Sloane-street, London. The Baroness claims to be in possession of documents which fully corroborate Mrs Maybrick's statement at her trial that she had used for a long period for toilet purposes a prescription containing arsenic. It is understood that another effort will be made to reopen the case.

REWARDS TO NORTH COUNTRY HEROES.

The awards for cases of gallantry in Yorkshire and Durham which had been brought under the notice of the Royal Humane Society during the present month were announced yesterday. The medal was awarded to J. Simpson, mate of the steamship Maina, residing at 85, Thorold-road, Grimsby, for saving M. Collridge at sea, about 150 miles from the coast of Spain, on December 14th. A testimonial was also awarded to W. Curtis, chemist, residing at 7, Hawthorne-terrace, Durham, for saving R. Luskins, aged nine, in the River Wear, on January 19th. A like testimonial was awarded to T. Collins, for saving H. Harman (15), in the river Aire, at Knottingley, on January 8th.

A PENSION FUND FOR NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY WORKMEN.

The directors of the North-Eastern Railway Company have intimated their willingness to formulate for consideration a scheme for establishing a pension fund for their servants, if a desire for such a fund is shown to exist generally amongst the younger as well as the older members of the staff. In 1889 an Act of Parliament was obtained authorising the formation of a fund, and giving the Company power to contribute thereto, but the compulsory part of the scheme aroused opposition, and it was dropped. The directors now consider that any fund, to be successful, must command the support of the younger servants of the Company, especially if it is to be conducted on the voluntary principle.

COUNTY COUNCILS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this association was held yesterday at the Westminster Town Hall, Mr J. T. Hibbert in the chair. This gentleman was re-elected president, and in returning thanks said they could not fail to be satisfied with the progress made by the association during the past twelve months. When they met nine months ago they had 29 county councils connected with the association, while at the present time they had 44 out of the 56 or 57 in existence. The establishment of such councils had given new license to local government. The additional work placed in their hands during the last session of Parliament was that of technical education. They had now the responsibility of dealing with a large sum of money under that head, but it was very necessary that the Act should receive amendment. The amount received formerly as grants throughout the country was £2,860,394, but under the Local Government Act it was £4,905,900. Resolutions on the subject of main roads were passed, and other business transacted, and the Council adjourned.

EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well selected Cocoa, Mr Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—*Civil Service Gazette.*—Made simply with boiling water or milk. Sold only in packets, by Grocers, labelled "James Epps & Co., Homœopathic Chemists, London."—Also makers of Epps's Afternoon Chocolate Essence.—ADVT.

LUMBAGO, Piles, Pains in the Back, Dropsy, Wind and Water Complaints, Diseases of the Kidneys, Bladder, Urinary Organs, Stone, Gleet, Stricture, Sciatica, Rheumatism, and Sleeplessness will find a positive cure in Holloway's Pearl Pills. They purify our blood; by so doing, numerous local ailments which are (otherwise) liable to spring up themselves, are warded off. So let it be remembered that one single bowing of Bowyer's Barks Compound contains more power than any fifty bottles of any of the advertised blood medicines now before the public. Particulars of the same, with instructions how to make and take it (which are very simple), will be sent to all people sending their name and address to Bowyer's Botanic Laboratory, 63, Holme Terrace, Bradford, Yorks.—ADVT.

COUNT MATTEI'S ELECTRO-HOMŒOPATHIC MEDICINES.—Their efficacy is attested by persons of distinction in all parts of Europe, including Emperor and Empress of Austria, H.R.H. Ludwig of Bavaria, General Ignatieff, Cardinal Lavigerie, Lady Paget, Duchess of Argyle, Lady Heron, Dr. Kennedy, L.C.S., L.R.C.P., Ed., Dr. Theobald, M.A., M.R.C.S., &c., &c. See letters, telegrams, &c., in "Review of Reviews" for January. Sole Representative for this district, B. H. Beadman, 6, Richmond-road, Stockton. Descriptive pamphlet free on receipt of stamp. Consultations, 5 to 7 p.m.—ADVT.

DR. WHITE'S COMPOSITION ESSENCE is the original and only genuine. Refuse all imitations. Insist on having Dr. White's, and see that the registered trade mark, LORNA DOONE, is on each label.—ADVT.

A FAIR BEAUTIFUL SKIN.—Sulpholine Soap gives the natural tint and peach-like bloom of a perfect complexion; makes the Skin smooth, supple healthy, comfortable. Of Chemists. Everywhere.—ADVT.

VIENNA REGULATORS.—Collingwood and Son have just received a large consignment, 25 per cent. below usual prices. Corner of Linthorpe and Corporation Roads.—ADVT.

LONDON NOTES.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE AND EXTRACTS, &c.]

LONDON, Thursday.

It becomes clearer and clearer every day that the Government will practically accomplish no more legislation before Easter. At one time it was hoped that the grave questions involved in the Land Purchase Bill (especially those raised by Mr John Morley and Mr Labouchere) would be discussed and dismissed before members were permitted to take a rest. This is now hardly possible. We are at the end of the month of February, so far as the Government is concerned, and the Civil Service Estimates have not yet been submitted. There are three Government weeks and a day at the disposal of Mr Smith, and unless he asks for morning sittings this time will not more than suffice for the necessary financial and formal business of the year, and perhaps one debate upon the first clause of Mr Balfour's measure. The slow progress of business is disappointing to the managers of Parliamentary affairs, but was not altogether unexpected on the Opposition benches below the g

following facts:—To go into the whole ...s unless at great length would be impossible ...ry to say that there is at the pre-...time but

ONE DIFFERENCE, AND ONE ONLY,

...the Coalowners' Association and the ...Union—viz., the question of the position ...the Miners' Union. As owner of the ...and at the same time acting with the ...of the Coalowners' Association, I have left ...unturned in my endeavours to bring this ...to a satisfactory and amicable conclusion. ...January 10th I wrote my head viewers a long ...on circulation and publication, which ...to a subcommittee, which ...that "this point (i.e., deputies joining ...) I considered

...FINALLY SETTLED ON DECEMBER 13,

...joint meeting of the representatives of the ...Coalowners' Association on the one side ...Durham Miners' Federation Board on the ...when a resolution was passed that the pit ...should immediately resume work, and a sub-...be appointed who should enquire of the ...as to whether they wished to be members of ...Miners' Association or not. This agreement—...signed by Mr Forman and Mr Patterson, ...signed by me (by the men) entirely de-...to carry out; consequently upon them (the ...

MUST REST THE RESPONSIBILITY

...present unfortunate dead-lock." In the ...letter I further added that "it is, of ...easy for any man to join any association he ...; and consequently I have heard with ...regret, that intimidation of a very gross character ...has practised upon deputies who, for reasons ...their own, have been unwilling to join the ...Union. This letter resulted in a re-...from the Silkworth men that I would re-...a deputation on their behalf, who should lay ...own on the subject before us; and

...I SUBSEQUENTLY MET AT DURHAM

...on Monday, February 2nd. We fully discussed ...whole question in the most amicable spirit, ...the result that the deputation asked me to ...with the Coalowners' Association ...my influence with the Coalowners' Association ...the pit to resume work on certain condi-...Space will not allow me to go fully into ...conditions, but briefly stated those condi-...were or less demanded that I should virtually ...the deputies in my employ who had miserly de-...have anything to do with the Union to ...association. I was shown letters by up-...of the Silkworth deputies, refusing in ...strongest terms to become members of the ...Union, and

...CONSEQUENTLY WAS UNABLE ... ACCEDE TO THE REQUEST

...deputation, though I strongly impressed ...my desire that it should be open to any ...to join the union should he volunt-...ire to do so; but at the same time, that no ...par asking of the nature of intimidation ...be brought to bear on any deputy who ...unwilling to do so (that this has been ...a serious extent the annals of the Sunder-...Police Court will show), and I further added

...I WOULD USE MY INFLUENCE

...the Coalowners' Association to permit the pit ...resume work under the same conditions that ...on December 13th or at that time (Feb-...ary, which would leave the deputies free to ...the union or not as they chose). I drew ...attention to the fact that the houses from ...men are being evicted as paid rent for ...self and form part of the men's wages, and ...although for more than three months the ...pit has lain idle the men and their ...have occupied the cottages ...THEY WERE WORKING FULL TIME;

...after the lapse of time, finding the men were ...determined to keep the pit idle and ignore the ...appeal served on their behalf by their own ...representatives, and even in some cases not hesi-...ating to meet with intimidation (the case of ...three deputies who declined to join the union, ...the Coalowners' Association had no ...option but to call upon me to resume posses-...of the men's houses. That these evictions ...are no time

...CAUSED VERY CONSIDERABLE PAIN

...I gladly say, and I venture to think that I ...show that I have done all in my power to ...them, but if they could only be averted and ...the men resume work by my submitting to conditions ...I will be so eminently unjust to men who ...a perfectly free right to join the union or ...as they think fit, I will decide for ...myself whether they will join the Miners' ...or not, then, deeply as I regret it, the pre-...unfortunate condition of things must take its ...course. The men assert that they are fighting for ...principle, so are the owners, and the principle is ...the right to maintain complete control of our ...in the matter of leaving it open to any man to ...or not any association he may choose.

(Signed) LONDONDERRY.

THE POSITION OF THE DEPUTIES.

To the Editor of the North-Eastern Daily Gazette.)

...The Coalowners are making another ...to break up the miners' union, and why ...should oppose combination I cannot under-...The coal trade of Durham and North-...land would have been paralysed many a time ...for the unions. Restraint has been put on the ...sometimes, when they have been smarting ...wrong, by the rules of the Association. Dis-...have been peacefully settled at the joint ...Reductions of wages have been ...cheerfully, when by arbitration the de-...was against the workmen. It is folly ...against the inevitable trades unions and ...unions as it becomes a necessity, and the ...man will fight to the bitter end for freedom ...The individual cannot stand against the ...or a single colliery either—and others ...in insignificance. If the miners have a ...to combine so, of course, have the other side. ...cannot think that the day was past when ...master and workmen should be called into re-...to arrive at the other side to submit; and ...I am sure the Silkworth deputies will ...with their own property, because the Owners' ...to the shall not, then the miners have ...right to combine and say, that if they ...a disadvantage by the deputies not ...of their union, that disadvantage ...

...look at the bone of contention. The ...deputies are very much like a cat's-...owners took them under their protec-...years ago, and what that meant was ...to work harder, in many cases, ...five weeks, and from sixteen to twenty ...a fortnight, and when they groaned under ...of this protection, their union was ...their union has from the first been ...It has no force behind it. It has ...given up under their difficulties, ...and have been filled with scabs. ...Their labour is not so skilled ...almost every coal-hewer in the ...can fill their places. Then the big ...rise to the rescue, and got for them ...and better wages. The interests of ...men and deputies are identical; as ...stands or falls, so must the deputy. ...belong to the big union for all the privi-...they have; he has participated in every ...won by the big union; and he stands in his ...in refusing to become a member of that ...Is it common sense on the part of deputies ...and it is not fair that he should allow ...to be used as a set-off to men who are ...battles as well as their own. The only ...of the difficulty is for the deputies to join ...union, and so end this miserable struggle ...much loss and sorrow. If for no ...than that of being the cause of so ...and children being turned out of ...home, they should join a union in which ...having to lose, but everything to gain. ...they will avoid being branded for ...who blacklegged at Silkworth.

...ONE WHO WAS EVICTED IN '77.

WHO IS THE DEPUTIES' ASSOCIATION?

(*To the Editor of the North-Eastern Daily Gazette.*)

...answer to your correspondent, I should ...say there is a Deputies' Association in ...; how it is that just recently the ...ntatives of the Durham Miners' Association ...owners openly upon the deputies' case, ...raised in 5 per cent. advance in the face ...deputies' pay for reduction of hours? Now ...case both owners and deputies admitted ...of the Durham Miners' Association to ...of the latter. Then if the miners' officials ...a right to represent deputies in matters ...wage and reduction in hours I think ...a serious question upon the deputies and their ...that the Deputies' Association has. ...that the miners have pledged ...to compel the deputies to join the ...Association. This is calculated to ...a wrong impression on the public mind. What the ...have pledged themselves to do is this—to ...in every instance those deputies who ...not as yet been members of the Miners' Union ...the pressing and coercion that are being used ...them to compel them to leave the Miners' ...Great credit is due to the Silksworth ...for the noble stand they have made in ...the suffering eviction from comfort-...homes, with nothing to gain but the satisfac-...of supporting the deputies who are ...Miners' Association.—I am, yours truly,

NORTH BITCHBURN MINER.

February 23, 1891.

THE ABSENCE OF THE DEPUTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(*To the Editor of the North-Eastern Daily Gazette.*)

...Would you allow me a space in your valu-...to contradict the statements made in ...of the 24th by "A Lover of Unity?" He ...to the front with his pungent query, ...I expected he would have left them for ...But lo and behold! he puts ques-...and answers both, and as far as "A Lover of ...is concerned, the work is completed. ...gave deputies fourpence ...have the Miners Association. Further ...they say what the Deputies' Association ...a reduction took place in the county ...miners were under a sliding scale. A ...after the Deputies' Association ...settled. So as question one concerns ...Unity" is out at sea. Question 2—...the masters at Tow Law object to ...an active member of the Miners' ...he becomes a deputy? I was not ...the masters at Tow Law interfered with ...Besides, it is untrue, as two or ...Law deputies are in the Miners' ...at present, and have been for a con-...but one thing I might inform ...A miner at Tow Law com-...work as deputy, who was an officer of ...Union, and was turned out of ...a member with them. Question 3: ...Deputies' Association done for us as ...of workmen for the last fifteen ...God us better wages and shorter ...It has done both. We as an ...the fourpence per day which ...to, and a dispute ...

...took place about deputies in the Miners' Associations being paid an under wage, as they with miners were under a sliding scale. The case was arbitrated on, and the umpire gave the deputies in miners same as us. Because we held a higher wage, we got it for the other deputies, we got shorter hours, we got 7½ hours per shift for deputies recently. This was claimed to have been got from other quarters, but Mr Guthrie (owners' secretary) settled this point through the Press. The Deputies' Association asked for and got 7½ hours about one month before miners' agents applied for it. Question 4: "A Lover of Unity" says Mr Bell asks what is required to constitute a genuine organisation; and he answers that by saying come back to the fold. I must admit this puzzles me. I cannot make an answer like that fit the question. I would say to "Lover of Unity" he had better acquaint himself with the facts before he enters the field again. I think it would be better for his name to appear with his next correspondence, and if he will give name, I will give name and place of any point I have referred to. &c., &c.,

GEO. BELL, Deputy.

Tow Law, February 25th, 1891.

THE OWNERS' SIDE OF THE QUESTION.

(*To the Editor of the North-Eastern Daily Gazette.*)

SIR,—As some misapprehension appears to exist with respect to the matter in dispute at Silksworth Colliery, the Durham Coalowners' Association deem it necessary to state their present position. On the 8th November, 1890, the men, employed at the colliery gave the usual 14 days notice terminating their hiring, the sole reason for this step being the refusal of Lord Londonderry, who was acting under the direction of the Owners' Association (of which he is a member), to allow the deputy foreman of the colliery to join the Miners' Association. The owners refused to be parties to putting pressure on these men to become members of the Miners' Association against their will, and thus on the 22nd November, when the notices expired the strike began, and the men who occupy houses provided by the owner of the colliery, in accordance with the custom of the district, as part of their wages, ceased to be entitled to occupy the houses, but nevertheless still continued their occupation. Within a few days after the commencement of the strike the men succeeded by force and intimidation in compelling the deputies in question to join the Miners' Association, but they very shortly afterwards decided to leave that body, and to join the Deputies' Association. After considerable negotiation between the Owners' Association and the Federation Board, representing the whole of the colliery workmen in the county, an agreement was entered into between them in writing on the 13th December, 1890, providing that the deputies should be at liberty to be members of the Miners' Association or not as they might desire, and that no pressure should be put upon them either by the owners and other officials of the colliery on the one hand or by the miners on the other, and that work should be at once resumed, pending a county settlement of the question of deputies. In accordance with this agreement work should have been resumed, but the men at the colliery declined to abide by it and continued on strike. After the agreement had been obtained, and when they were about to be acted upon, postponements were from time to time granted by the Owners' Association at the request of the workmen's representatives to allow of further negotiations, but on the 19th February the owners' committee, being extremely desirous to avoid the evictions, made an offer to comply with the demand then made by the men that those deputies who had been forced into the Miners' Association against their wish should pay up their arrears of subscriptions alleged to be due, which they had previously declined to do on the understanding that the deputies should afterwards be at perfect liberty to be members or non-members of the Miners' or of any other Association pending the general settlement. This proposal, however, the workmen refused to agree to, and persistently declined to allow the deputies any freedom of action in the future, and accordingly on the 19th February the evictions began, the men having refused to give up possession of the colliery houses. It will thus be seen that the men are continuing the struggle in direct opposition to an agreement entered into by their own representatives, and that their object is to compel the owners to coerce a section of workmen exercising duties of supervision over others, and who are responsible under the management for the safety of the mine, to become members of a particular organisation. With this the owners cannot agree, as they are strongly of opinion that it is not consistent with the duties and responsibilities of a deputy under the Coal Mines Regulation Act to be a member of the Miners' Association. They have, however, agreed to discuss the matter with the Miners' Executive, and pending the settlement of this question they must insist that all deputies shall be allowed to exercise the right of choosing for themselves what course they consider it their duty to adopt, and the owners cannot accede to the demand to the contrary.—I am, &c., for the Durham Coalowners' Association,

REGINALD GUTHRIE, Secretary.

"J. F. D." writes a spirited letter in commendation of the virtue of true manliness as illustrated by the conduct of the Silksworth men and their supporters. He adds:—Is it manly to rob men, women, and children of their comforts, making them homeless, and injuring health? Is it not base, cruel, inhuman?

"An Aad Pitman" writes:—Perhaps sor, y'll just allow an aad pitman a word on this Silksworth business yev gien us some splendid accoons. The *Gazette* is undoobtedly the pitman's peper, and that's why its want ye tee put ma letter into the *Gazette*. Ah divint ken whatten much, just this. There'll be an electshun verry suin, and after what's tuin place at Silksworth this last week ah hope the electors of the Houghton-le-Spring division will find something else to dee for the aad "candyman" that represents them in Parlyment then turning poor men's wifes an' bairn to the dore.

THE EFFECT OF THE STRIKE ON TRADE.

At yesterday's meeting of the River Wear Commission, Mr R. M. Hudson stated that the stoppage at Silksworth during the past month had practically decreased their revenue to the extent of £1,500. The aggregate loss was £2,100, but there was a decreased expenditure of £500 or £600. In any event they suffered, and were suffering, in consequence of this unfortunate affair at Silksworth.

THE MINERS' OFFICIALS AND THE PUBLISHED CORRESPONDENCE.

In regard to the letter of Lord Londonderry, published this morning, it is strongly held by the representatives of the miners that had a similar position been accoded to when offered by them thirteen weeks ago no strike would ever have occurred. The offer was that the deputies who *were* members of the Durham Miners' Association should pay up their arrears and please themselves afterwards as to which association they joined. That offer will yet satisfy all demands, and the deputies will be put right free in their action. The last paragraph of Mr Guthrie's letter would also seem to imply a further conference with the miners' executive. This is not so, no arrangement whatever having been come to for further negotiations. Mr Wilson states that they have learned that this is simply the initial attack; but that in the early part of the contest they ought to have asked the miners' executive to meet them, and discuss the position of the deputies as a general question, instead of catching them from the miners' organisation by offers of increased pay and other inducements.

TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

ABATEMENT OF THE EXCITEMENT.

This morning matters were very quiet at Silksworth when the eviction proceedings commenced. Beyond the gossip at the street corners there is little to indicate that the village was last night the scene of a bloody conflict, as there is scarce any excitement noticeable; but matters may alter before the day is over. The only Silksworth man injured is Caleb Coates; all the others seem to have belonged to Sunderland. It appears that it was not stones that were thrown but iron pellets from the shipyards, of which a good stock had been brought for the purpose. Sergeant Kedroth, of Hebburn, was struck on the head, and fell into a comrade's arms. He was conveyed from the scene of the conflict, and was subsequently able to walk to the barracks. Constable Dove, of Stockton, was also struck on the head, and fell forward, but was seized and saved before he reached the ground.

NARROW ESCAPE OF A DELEGATE.

William Mould, the Silksworth delegate, had a narrow escape; he was in the rear of the police, and was endeavouring to keep the peace when the police charge was made. He seized hold of a policeman's arm, and followed the charging constable, and was thus saved from injury. The bigger officers were in the rear ranks, and bore the brunt of the conflict at first. Sergeant Collingwood, of Darlington, was struck with a pellet, but is not much the worse. The three wounded men in the hospital are progressing favourably. Operations commenced this morning in Quarry-street. The police drew up in a strong line at the end of the street, and prevented any of the crowd from breaking through.

A CAN OF CAYENNE PEPPER

was thrown amongst the police, and the latter retaliated by throwing it back. Soon after this Superintendent Oliver conveyed the thanks of the force to the members of the Press for the very fair way in which they had dealt with the evictions, but especially the exciting incidents of yesterday. In the space of about an hour seven or eight families were evicted with but little hooting or excitement. The names of the miners are Thos. Park, Jas. Richardson, Wm. Hart, John Bainbridge, G. Smith, Thos. Dixon, and Geo. Urwin. Ten families who are included in the present batch of ejectment orders evicted themselves. Most of the people evicted this morning offered very little resistance. George Smith was perhaps the only important exception. He barricaded his door and windows well, and it took the bailiffs some time to effect an entrance. When the constables entered into the house they found a dog kennel freshly painted with coal tar. "YOU HAVE GOT SOMETHING TO TURN OUT HERE," said Smith, as he pointed to the kennel. Those in the house cheered at the prospect of the candymen getting a daubing. In this house, also, there was a large box used for grocers' goods. It was nicely painted over, and for some time it defied all the efforts of the candymen to remove it. It was said to be filled with bricks or stones. At the house of Thomas Park the candymen found a year-old child seated in its chair, and pinned to his forehead was a paper describing who he was, and reminding the people

WHAT CONSERVATISM HAD BROUGHT THEM TO.

The people were advised to keep the peace, and the placard concluded with the words, "Bad luck to the candymen." The emergency men refused to touch the boy or his chair, or to carry it into the street. Eventually Constable Clazie, of West Auckland, took pity on the little fellow, and lifting him up tenderly, carried him and his chair into the street, and placed him safely on the top of a table, where the little fellow was an object of great interest. It may be noted that all the constables from the Auckland division were in yesterday's conflict with the exception of Constable Applegarth, from Hamsterley. County Councillor Palmer has this morning received a

LETTER FROM ONE OF THE HARTLEPOOL CANDYMEN

who returned home on Monday night. He expressed penitence for what he had done, and hoped the miners would forgive him, for the eviction scenes were haunting him yet. The candymen found, on returning to Hartlepool, that their wives had only been paid 10s each, instead of £2, as expected; had they known that they would have set fire to Candy Hall before they left. He complained that he was boycotted since his return, had been refused work twice, and expressed a desire to leave the county of Durham for good. Going to do eviction work at Silksworth was, he admitted,

THE VERY WORST THING WHICH HAD HAPPENED TO HIM IN HIS LIFE.

ELMORE COLLIERY.

Work at this colliery, belonging to the Hetton Coal Company, which has been stopped since last Friday as a manifestation of sympathy with the Silksworth men, will be resumed to-day.

FIGHTING IN BURMAH.

A Rangoon telegram reports further sharp fighting in Wuntho, the rebels being defeated with fifty killed. Three Europeans were killed and ten wounded.

THE MURDER IN COUNTY CAVAN.

Wm. Buchanan, charged with the murder of the old man Reilly and his wife in their house in County Cavan, was yesterday further remanded after evidence was given by his acquaintances that he had frequently mentioned his intentions to rob them.

LORD SALISBURY AND MR W. O'BRIEN.

Mr William O'Brien has been served with a debtor summons for £1,700, being the costs of Lord Salisbury in Mr O'Brien's action for alleged libel.

BURGLARS AT ROCHESTER.

The Rochester police this morning found burglars in an empty mansion. The men got away, leaving a large assortment of burglars' implements. The discovery is regarded as important.

THE SCOTCH BLAST-FURNACE-MEN'S STRIKE.

Although Mr Walls went to Scotland on Monday from the Cumberland district of the National Association of Blast furnacemen with instructions from the Executive to come to an amicable settlement with the Scotch ironmasters, if possible, nothing has yet been heard of anything having been accomplished in that direction. There are no fresh items to report, save that the only two remaining Poles in Diron's Works at Govanhill were captured yesterday, and only the Calder men remain, these being escorted to and from work by the police. Ejectment orders are still being obtained by the masters, and the furnaces put into blast are still working.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

In the House of Commons yesterday Dr. Cameron moved the second reading of the Parochial Boards (Scotland) Bill, which proposed to remove from Parochial Boards all *ex-officio* members, to abolish the system of multiple voting, and to make other changes. The Government opposed the motion for second reading of which was negatived by 185 votes to 159.—Mr H. S. Wright moved the second reading of the Rating of Machinery (No. 2) Bill, which Mr W. James described as a manufacturers' Bill, and moved the adjournment of the debate. This was agreed to without a division.—Another Rating of Machinery Bill, on which the debate on the second reading was adjourned on the 11th inst., was withdrawn.—The Registration of Electors Acts Amendment Bill passed through Committee.

MYSTERIOUS DROWNING CASE AT WEST HARTLEPOOL.

This morning information was received by the police at West Hartlepool of the finding, late last night, of the dead body of William Mitchell, from Stranton, three miles from the town, at West Hartlepool. It appears that John Wright and James Lund, whilst walking along the quay of the Hart Dock about ten o'clock last night, found the hat and coat of a man. A search was subsequently made, and after dragging the dock for some time the body of Mitchell was brought up. It is not known how the body got into the water, but from a memorandum found in a book left in the pocket of his coat, the supposition is that he committed suicide. Up to a few weeks ago the deceased worked in Messrs Gray's shipbuilding yard, but it is stated that he lost his employment through some irregularity. He left his home early on Monday morning with the intention of going to Stockton, and was not afterwards seen alive. He was a widower, aged 59.

A BRUTAL INSURANCE AGENT AT STOCKTON.

This morning at Stockton Police Court John P. Meegan, an insurance agent, 25, Cardigan-street, was charged with an aggravated assault on his wife, Jane Meegan, on January 20th.—Mr Parkin appeared for the complainant; Mr E. J. Thomas for the defendant.—In reference to the lapse of time in taking the proceedings, Mr Parkin explained that the object of his client, who had been compelled to leave the defendant on account of his continued ill-usage, was not so much to get a heavy penalty against him as to obtain a separation order, and the assault on January 20th was the worst she had experienced.—Complainant deposed that about twelve o'clock on the night in question defendant went home under the influence of drink, and burst open the door of a room in which she had locked herself in fear of his violence. He struck her in the face with his fist, dragged her out into the passage, and there repeatedly struck her again with his fist, knocking her down, and then thrashing her severely with a stick. He afterwards threw her out of doors, locking her out, and she was outside for an hour. They had been married twelve years, and had three children — 11, 10, and 6. Defendant's illusage had gone on for some years, and he had often threatened to kill her. He earned about £35 per week.—In cross-examination complainant admitted that she continued to live with defendant until last Monday, but it was "to save the scandal, if possible." The bruises on his face were inflicted by her brother in defending her from him. There was a great row between them because she considered he was "too attentive to the servant."—John Wm. Meegan, defendant's little boy, and John Mellon, a lodger, corroborated, the former stating that on the night of January 21 his mother hid under the lodger's bed because she was frightened of the defendant.—Mr Thomas, in defence, stated that the wife's relatives were responsible for much of the unhappiness; that it was a case of "too much mother-in-law." He contended that there had not been such an aggravated assault as justified the granting of a separation order.—The Bench fined defendant £1 and £1 14s costs, or a month, and granted the order; the wife to have custody of the younger child, and defendant to pay her 12s 6d per week.

The Privy Council has declined to grant the petition of Buckmondwike for a Municipal Charter of Incorporation.

A Local Government enquiry was held at Bradford yesterday, relative to the application of the Corporation to borrow the sum of £120,000 for the purpose of carrying out various public improvements.

CHARGE OF BLACKMAILING AGAINST JOURNALISTS.—At the Mansion House yesterday the charge against Charles Perryman, of the *Financial Observer*, of attempting to blackmail a Mrs Foster was withdrawn, and the summons dismissed.

TOOTHACHE.—Bunter's Nervine cures Toothache instantly by painless contraction of the nerve. Prevents and all nerve pains removed. Sleepless nights prevented by using Bunter's Nervina. Sold by all Chemists, 1s1½d.—ADVT.

CHEAP LINEN.—Strawberry, Rasp, and Black Currant Jam, 2lb. jar, 8½d—guaranteed pure—at Wm. L. Morton's, 20, Linthorpe-road.—ADVT.

COLMAN'S SINAPISM.—The Improved Mustard Plaster, three for seven stamps. All chemists and grocers. Colman's Mustard Sold by Stockton.—ADVT.

HOW TO SAVE MONEY.—Send your Umbrellas to R. A. Watson, The Hatter, to be re-covered; prices from 2s 6d. Satisfaction guaranteed. P. H. O.—ADVT.

WATCH, CLOCK, AND JEWELLERY REPAIRS.—All classes executed by proficient workmen. Satisfaction guaranteed at reasonable charges; no apprentices kept. E. Cowley, High-street, Stockton.—ADVT.

CYCLING !—Cyclists are invited to call and inspect Young's (Middlesbrough, Stockton, and Darlington) Annual Exhibitions of Safety Bicycles by the leading makers. Solid, Cushion, or Pneumatic Tyres. Order early to save disappointment at Easter.—ADVT.

RAILWAY COLLISION IN AMERICA.

A RIVER OF BURNING OIL.

ENORMOUS DAMAGE.

A terrible collision took place on Tuesday night on the Philadelphia and Reading Railway, three miles from Ashland, Pennsylvania, in which four locomotives and eight loaded freight cars were destroyed. To add to the disaster, five oil tanks, with which some of the cars were laden, exploded, hurling portions of the cars and machinery to a distance of a quarter of a mile. The nature and force of the explosion might be imagined from the fact that each of the tanks contained 60,000 gallons of oil. The employees on the trains, when they perceived that a collision was inevitable, jumped off, and fell down a steep embankment. Five of them were injured. The blazing oil set fire to valuable timber yards bordering the railway track, and they are still burning. The loss sustained by the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad through the accident is estimated at $150,000, while the loss of private individuals is put at $50,000. It will take several days to clear the track, and place it in a condition for the resumption of traffic. The cause of the wreck was a broken coupling.

ALLEGED MASSACRE IN MADAGASCAR.

The French mail steamer Rio Grande, which arrived at Marseilles on Tuesday from Madagascar, brought a report that in consequence of a revolt of the natives under his rule the Hova Governor at Nossi Be, a place on the north-west coast of the island, had over 100 of the rebels executed, their wives and children being put to death afterwards.

SHOCKING SUICIDE ON A GRIMSBY SMACK.

The trawl smack Jesse Scivill arrived at Grimsby last night with the cabin locked, and containing the dead body of the cook, Frederick George Watson, 16, a native of Petersfield. The youth went into the cabin alone yesterday morning, and the report of a gun was heard. On going below the crew found Watson sitting on the locker with his head literally blown to pieces.

THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON LABOUR.

PROBABLE CONSTITUTION.

It will probably be a week before the names of the members of the Special Royal Commission on Labour are announced, but the expectation on both sides points out the following among the gentlemen likely to be nominated:—The Earl of Derby, Lord Randolph Churchill or the Earl of Dunraven, Sir John Gorst, Mr Joseph Chamberlain, Cardinal Manning, Mr John Morley or Mr Mundella, Mr Baumann, Mr Aird, Mr Fenwick (Parliamentary Secretary of the Trades Union Congress) or Mr Burt. The Parliamentary supporters of the Eight Hours Bill for the miners do not consider that the appointment of a Royal Commission on Labour has superseded the necessity for proceeding with their measure. Mr Pickard will ask Mr W. H. Smith whether he is prepared to promise an early date for this measure, which was unanimously attended, and a crowded public meeting. The Mayor (Alderman Lauder) presided, and the annual report submitted by Mr Squires showed that during the 27 years of the Society's existence 1,138 children had been admitted, of whom 152 belonged to the Hartlepools. There are at present 195 children in the Home, 25 of whom belong to the Hartlepools. Last year's balance-sheet showed the total receipts to be £4,980 5s 10d, and the expenditure £4,898 4s, there being thus a balance in hand of £10 1s 10d. The contributions from West Hartlepool amounted to £374 15s 10d, the ordinary subscriptions amounting to £105, the collections to £58 15s, whilst Hospital Sunday realised £108 0s 3d.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PETITIONS.—To the Editor of the *North-Eastern Daily Gazette*.—Sir, —Will you kindly inform your numerous readers that I have presented the following petitions today in favour of the Sunday Closing Bill, and regret that I am unable to acknowledge the receipt of them to the individual senders:—Trades Council of Middlesbrough, Mission Room, Albert-road. Linthorpe-road Baptist Church, Congregational Church, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Baptist Congregation, Marton-road, four petitions from the inhabitants of Middlesbrough, Daisy Lodge of Good Templars, Wilberforce Lodge of Good Templars, Pride of Cleveland Lodge of Good Templars, Middlesbrough; two petitions from the inhabitants of Grangetown, Yorks., St. George's Lodge of Good Templars, North Ormesby. There is little chance of the Bill coming on to-day.—Yours very truly, ISAAC WILSON. House of Commons, Feb. 25, 1891.

THE BEAR FOUND BENEFIT CONCERT AT MIDDLESBROUGH.—There was a good, though not a crowded, house at the Middlesbrough Town Hall last night, on which occasion a concert, organised by the Apollo Male Voice Party, was given in aid of the fund now being raised on behalf of the widows and orphans of the drowned crew of the foundered steamer Bear. The programme was an attractive one, including well-recognised talent from Middlesbrough, Newcastle, Leeds, Hartlepool, &c. Not the least successful part of the entertainment was the excellent part singing of the Apollo Choir. The glees, part-songs, and choruses, and acquitted themselves so much to the satisfaction of the audience that the "Soldiers' Chorus," from "Faust," and Genee's delightful "Italian Salad" were loudly redemanded. The tenor solo in the latter was ably taken by Mr D. Davies (who was lately so successful at the Eisteddfod) in the place of Mr Jno. Hunter, of Hartlepool, who was unable to attend. Mr Davies also sang the tenor part of the duet and chorus "Miserere," from "Il Trovatore," which was rendered by Miss Lily Burnell, Leeds, and ably rendered on all hands. Miss Pearce also sang Blumenthal's "The Bend of the River" and Dudley Buck's "When the Heart is Young" with so much ability that one might have desired to hear her in some more ambitious effort. Miss Isabel Cooney (Mrs Smith) sang "Kildarney," and also gave a very fine rendering of Myddleton's "Angels ever bright and fair"—one of the very best things of the evening, showing great taste, skill, and power, as well as a voice of admirable quality. Mr Alfred Jones sang "I Fear no Foe" with such power that he had to respond to a redemand encore, in response to which he gave "Big Ben," and in the second half he sang "The Flying Dutchman," showing that he has a voice of great range and power, the effect of which might be greatly improved with cultivation. Master R. Smith's (Newcastle) clarionet solos were highly creditable to one of his years, and pleased to hear. The lad's powers with the instrument are something phenomenal in one so young, and he bids fair to be one of the finest reed instrument players in the kingdom. His "Last Rose of Summer" and "Kinloch, of Kinloch" were both rapturously encored, and "Carnival of Venice" and "Home, Sweet Home" were given in response. His little sister proved a very clever accompanist. Mr Jno. Hunter being unable to attend, his brother, Mr Fred. Hunter, sang two songs for him. The Misses Taylor, from Brotton, contributed greatly to the success of the evening with in their instrumental performances—violin, piano, and 'cello.

STOCKTON CHAMBER OF AGRICULTURE.

The monthly meeting of this Chamber was held yesterday at Stockton, Mr J. W. Page Page, J.P., presiding. At the outset the PRESIDENT moved, "That the members of this Chamber sincerely regret the untimely death of Mr J. W. Earle, who has been a member of its Council since its formation, and expresses its sympathy with Mrs Earle in her bereavement." He remarked that Mr Earle was only re-elected at last annual meeting, and was a practical and thoroughly efficient farmer. — Mr W. T. PERKIN seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to. —The vacancy in the Council was filled by Mr Thos. Brack, who was the next highest on the voting lists, and Mr Brack will sit until next annual meeting.—The meeting considered the agenda for the meeting of the Central Chamber on Tuesday next, and agreed to support the efforts of the Central Chamber in obtaining further concessions to farmers in the matter of railway rates. —It was stated that the Council had again subscribed £5 5s to the Mansion House United Railway Rates Committee.—Mr ROBINSON (Marton) criticised the Artificial Manures Bill, recently introduced in Parliament, and remarked that this Chamber support the Bill, with the exception of section 14, which stipulates that the purchaser may prosecute in cases of adulteration, and suggests that it be amended by making it compulsory on the County Council to prosecute; and that it also be amended by making agents responsible for the purity of the manures sold by them.—Mr J. T. WILSON (Worsall) seconded, and it was carried, the delegate (Mr Thos. Curry) being empowered to support it at the Central Chamber.—Mr MADDISON moved, "That owing to repeated outbreaks of the disease known as pink-eye in the North, the Central Chamber be requested to take steps to have it scheduled under the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act."—This was agreed to, and a copy ordered to be sent to Mr S. Rowlandson, so that it might be discussed at the Central Chamber meeting.

North Country News.

Just returned from the Markets.—See the Windows at Bell's Bon Marche, 4, Newport-road, Middlesbrough.—ADVT.

LIVE FOR EVER.—We cannot live for ever, but life may be prolonged and enjoyed by Harburn's Phosphorised Tonic and Nervine Syrup. See page 4.—ADVT.

DEFRAUDING THE EXCISE.—To-day at the Middlesbrough County Police Court Caleb Burgess, labourer, of Grangetown, was fined one guinea for carrying a gun without a license at Grangetown on the 14th December.—The father of defendant, who is also called Caleb, took out a license, but allowed his son to use it, and thereby defrauded the Excise.

THE LOWER CLOSEBURN OF HARTLEPOOL.—At a special meeting of the Hartlepool Town Council held yesterday it was decided to separate the offices of Town Clerk and Accountant held by the late Mr Belk, and to advertise for successors at a salary of £200 a year for the Town Clerk and £100 for the Accountant. — On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Horsley, and supported by Alderman Graham and Councillor Hunter, a vote of condolence was passed with the widow and family of the late Mr Hy. Belk, who had held the office for nine years.

THE MIDDLESBROUGH BOUNDARIES.—At yesterday afternoon's meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Middlesbrough Corporation, the Town Clerk said the Ordnance Department had suggested that the present arrangement of the Middlesbrough boundaries was unsatisfactory, and pointed out that the boundary line between the townships of Middlesbrough and Linthorpe passed through several houses.—After a long discussion it was agreed to take no action in the matter.—Alderman Bulmer enquired whether it was not now time that they considered the question of taking over North Ormesby, but no reply being forthcoming, that gentleman left the room.

LAUNCH AT WEST HARTLEPOOL.—Yesterday Messrs W. Gray and Co., Limited, launched a fine steel screw steamer, of the following dimensions—viz.:—Length over all, 315ft.; breadth, 41ft. 6in.; depth, 23ft. 0in. She has been built to the order of the London and Northern Steamship Company, Limited (Messrs Pyman Bros., London, manager), and with take Lloyd's highest class. The engines, of the triple expansion type, are of 1,000 horse power, supplied by the Central Marine Engine Works of W. Gray and Co., Limited. The cylinders are 25in., 36½in., and 62in. diameters, and the piston stroke 39in. The steel boilers will give an ample supply of steam at a working pressure of 160lbs. per square inch. The construction of the vessel has been superintended by Captain T. Pyman on behalf of the owners. The christening ceremony was gracefully performed by Miss Smurthwaite, of West Hartlepool, who named the vessel Gledhow.

THE FLOODGATES LOCAL GAS COMPANY.—The 25th annual meeting of the shareholders of the South Rank and Normanby Gaslight and Coke Company, Limited, was held at South Bank yesterday, Mr C. H. Minchin presiding.—Mr W. Nixon (secretary and manager) submitted the annual report, which showed that the receipts on revenue account for the year had been £5,977 1s 1d, which, together with a balance of £134 17s from last year, made a total of £6,112 10s 1d. The expenditure amounted to £3,634 4s 2d, leaving a balance of profit amounting to £2,978 5s 11d. An interim dividend of 4 per cent. was paid in August last, and a further dividend of 5 per cent. was yesterday declared, making a total of 9 per cent. The sum of £200 was carried to the reserve fund, and £123 7s 7d to next year's account.—The report was adopted, and the retiring directors, Messrs James Aird, Mr Fenwick (Parliamentary Secretary of the Trades Union Congress) or Mr Burt. The Parliamentary supporters of the Eight Hours Bill for the miners do not consider that the appointment of a Royal Commission on Labour has superseded the necessity for proceeding with their measure. Mr Pickard will ask Mr W. H. Smith whether he is prepared to promise an early date for this measure, which was unanimously attended, and a crowded public meeting. The Mayor (Alderman Lauder) presided, and the annual report submitted by Mr Squires showed that during the 27 years of the Society's existence 1,138 children had been admitted, of whom 152 belonged to the Hartlepools. There are at present 195 children in the Home, 25 of whom belong to the Hartlepools. Last year's balance-sheet showed the total receipts to be £4,980 5s 10d, and the expenditure £4,898 4s, there being thus a balance in hand of £10 1s 10d. The contributions from West Hartlepool amounted to £374 15s 10d, the ordinary subscriptions amounting to £105, the collections to £58 15s, whilst Hospital Sunday realised £108 0s 3d.

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CHIPS.

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The total consumption of distilled spirits in the United States, in the arts, manufactures, and medicine during 1889, amounted to 10,976,842 proof gallons.

All the ice imported into England comes from Norway. It is cut from the lakes along the coast, stored in huge ice-houses to the extent of as much as 200,000 tons annually, and transferred from them on board ship.

As a citizen of the United States, Mr Stanley secures copyright on both sides of the Atlantic. Without this protection of naturalisation, "In Darkest Africa" would be worth possibly ten or fifteen thousands pounds less to him than it is with his present unassailable rights.

John McKeown, a millionaire oil producer, who died at Washington a few days ago, went to the States a poor man twenty-six years ago, and engaged as a driller in the upper oil-field. Later he took an interest in an oil-well that proved a great success, and at the time of his death his wealth was estimated at £5,000,000.

In Paris an aquarium is maintained for the purpose of breeding fish for replenishing the rivers of France. A quantity of Californian salmon are kept in a tank specially constructed for the purpose of artificial breeding. As a result, more than 200,000 healthy fish are transferred to the River Seine every year.

The recent formation of a Domestic Servants' Union in Australia has already begun to bear fruit in the shape of "soft-sawdering," deferential advertisements of mistresses in the newspapers. Here is a lovely one that appeared in a Melbourne journal the other day:—"Girl, useful, tidy, wanted by married couple; no children; comfortable home, very easy place, *side gate, &c.*"

When people say "calculate," they use a word which goes back to the very infancy of our race and the very beginning of the science of arithmetic. It comes from the Latin *calculus*—a pebble. When men first began to reckon and to compare numbers, they could think of no better way than to lay pebbles alongside of one another on the ground, and hence the word for counting.

The beggars of Paris seem to be a long way ahead of their brethren on this side the streak. Not so long ago it was stated that they had established a trust. Now the news comes that they have successfully commenced the publication of a journal in the interests of the profession, or trade, or whatever they call their means of gaining a livelihood. The journal contains articles on the best methods of pursuing the calling to which they devote themselves.

Sarony, the great photographer, says he has taken pictures of young ladies possessing almost faultless faces, the solitary defect being malformation of the mouth. He is strong in the opinion that in such cases the defect was due to the pernicious habit of thumb-sucking. One lady frankly confesses that her pretty daughter never relinquished the practice until she was fourteen years old. Follow the career of a boy baby who sucks his thumb. You will find in 999 cases out of 1,000 when he grows up he will smoke. Smoking arises out of a desire always to have something in the mouth.

One of the most remarkable business men in London is Mr Alfred W. Ranger, the solicitor to the Salvation Army. He is totally blind, having lost his sight at the age of fourteen. Until he was one-and-twenty he did nothing in particular. At that age he went to the school for the blind at Worcester, and afterwards matriculated at Oxford, when he took his M.A. and D.C.L. degrees, and was *proxime accessit* for the Vinerian Law Scholarship. He was then articled to a solicitor in the Old Jewry, was admitted in 1879, took an office, and started business with one clerk. He has now a very large business indeed, and is recognised as one of the ablest solicitors in practice.

G. Pim, the president of the Cambridge University Boat Club, and stroke of this year's Light Blue Eight, is a Kingston-on-Thames man, and was educated at Eton, where he early distinguished himself with the oar. He is now in residence at Trinity College. Elin last year rowed bow in the Eight, but this year has taken the all-important seat. Although not a polished oarsman, he pulls a powerful stroke; and, like the stroke of the rival eight, is not wanting in pluck and determination. He has had considerable difficulty this year in constituting his crew; but, despite the croaking of the critics, it is very likely the Light Blues will do better on 21st March than many people imagine. He is about five feet nine inches in height, and turns the scale at eleven stone.

A good story is being told about Lady Florence Dixie. Sir Beaumont Dixie has been defending an action brought against him by a house agent in respect of the sale of the Fishery, at Windsor, to the Duke of Sutherland, for £11,000. Lady Florence was, of course, the principal witness for the defence, and the party, including the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland, have had to be about the Law Courts for some days waiting for the case to come on. Lady Florence, in a sort of yachting cc tume and straw hat, has a somewhat boyish appearance. She was standing behind some people when the usher (a small man) caught sight of the short hair and straw hat, and requested "that gentleman," in a loud tone of voice, "to kindly remove his hat." There was a burst of laughter, the whole court appreciating the joke. Lady Florence blushed, whilst the usher ran out.

The success of Colonel North in the Waterloo Cup is quite unparalleled. For the past three years the "Blue Ribbon" of the coursing world has fallen to his lot—this year and last, by the victory of Fullerton, and in 1889 the same dog divided the valuable stake with a kennel companion, Troughend. Curiously enough, too, at Altcar this year, the second great stake, the Waterloo Purse, was also won by a dog belonging to the "Nitrate King." True it is that the late Lord Lurgan also won the Waterloo Cup three times outright with Master M'Grath, but not, as in Colonel North's case, in consecutive years. Troughend, the divider in 1889, is now the property of a Russian Royal duke, having been presented to him by Colonel North during the past fortnight, in return for two Russian greyhounds. If our recollection is right, Master M'Grath was, at the special request of the Queen, sent down to Windsor Castle to be "interviewed." We wonder if a similar honour will be accorded to Fullerton.

An excellent story is told of the late Professor Rogers and Dr. R. W. Dale, of Birmingham. These two gentlemen were giving a series of lectures in Lancashire, and at every town which they visited Dr. Dale noticed that his colleague, who always spoke first, made the same speech. In fact, so often did the Professor give that speech that the worthy Doctor knew it off by heart, and this fact led the latter to think of a way of taking the wind out of his friend's sails. On their arrival at a town in South Lancashire Dr. Dale asked Dr. Rogers to allow him to speak first, an arrangement to which the latter readily agreed, so Dr. Dale rose and proceeded to deliver the speech of Dr. Rogers, looking every now and then with the corner of his eye to see how that worthy gentleman was taking this practical joke. Dr. Rogers sat calm and composed, and, when at length his turn came to speak, he just as calmly rose, and delivered, to Dr. Dale's utter astonishment, quite a new speech. At the conclusion of the meeting Dr. Dale said to his colleague, "I thought I had taken the wind out of your sails tonight." Dr. Rogers replied, "Oh, no. I delivered that speech when I was here a month ago!"

Here is a characteristic story concerning the late Earl Beauchamp. Some twenty-three or twenty-four years back, not long after his succession to the title, he was acting as president at the Birmingham Musical Festival. One of the duties incumbent upon the president was to signify that encores were to be granted by standing up in his gallery and waving his programme. Early in the course of this particular festival, Sims Reeves had sung some favourite piece so splendidly that Earl Beauchamp duly arose and waved his programme. But the tenor did not feel inclined for an encore, and neither the applause of the public nor the movements of the noble president were sufficient to shake his resolve. A day or so after this little incident "St. Paul" was being performed, and Mr Sims Reeves almost surpassed himself in "Be thou faithful unto death." There was a roar of applause, and everyone looked towards the gallery. But Lord Beauchamp remained immovable in his chair, with his arms calmly folded. The signal for an encore was not given, and the obstinacy of the peer was found to equal that of the famous vocalist.

QUIPS AND CRANKS.

You can't safely call a pretty dusk of a doctress a quack.

Don't bend so low to pick up a dollar that your honesty will drop out.

After a lawyer has been struck from the rolls how is he to make his bread?

There's nothing like leather excepting, of course, the upper crust of the young wife's first pie.

Tapers that won't light.—A mother may have taper fingers, but her little boy when corrected does not consider her hand the lighter on that account.

She: "Harry, you would made a poor soldier." He: "A poor soldier! Why, Maude?" She: "Because you don't know how to use your arms."

There is in Birmingham to be seen painted over the door of a greengrocer's a legend which runs thus: "Trust in the Lord; everyone else, cash."

A Happy Thought.—"I must break the engagement, and yet I don't want people to say I jilted him." "I have it. Invite him to tea." "Yes?" "Make some of your tea biscuit." "Yes?" "And he'll break it himself."

It is a humiliating consideration for the most popular man that, allowing him a circle of acquaintances of some 30,000 individuals, there still remain in the world about 1,445,920,000 who do not know or care a pin about him.

A sailor, being asked how he liked his bride, is reported to have remarked: "Why, d'ye see, I took her to be only one half of me, as the parson says, but, dash me, if she isn't twice as much as I. I'm only a tar—she's a tartar."

Fifty Love Letters a Day.—De Snapper: "I once knew a man who used to receive over fifty love letters every blessed day!" Miss Lorgnist: "Dear me! he must have been a regular Don Juan." De Snapper: "Not at all, madam; he was a postman."

The infant of the household was in its evening cradle. The head of the house was at home, peevish and fault finding, and at length he became unendurable. "You've done nothing but make mistakes to-night," he growled. "Yes," she answered, meekly. "I began by putting the wrong baby to bed."

QUID PRO QUO.

Zimmerman, the Court physician, went from Hanover to attend Frederick the Great in his last illness. One day the King said to him, "You have, I presume, sir, helped many a man into another world." This was rather a bitter pill for the doctor; but the dose he gave in return was a judicious mixture of truth and flattery: "Not so many as your Majesty, nor with so much honour to myself."

PRIMITIVE.

At Reepham some time past, while clerk-hunting for the church keys, a pertinacious visitor enquired for the clerk at one cottage, after many other ventures, and was told by a woman, "He don't live here; but I've the key of the Primitive Methodist chapel, if you would like to look over that." The offer was made to a gentleman learned in archaic lore, Church history, architecture, old monuments, haunted houses, moated granges, and "past-time inns!"

COULDN'T BE THE LAST DAY.

An old couple were one night wakened by a terrific thunderstorm that shook the house to the foundations. The woman sat up in bed, and exclaimed, excitedly, "Oh, John, John, I think this maun be the last day!" "The last day!" returned John, sleepily, "what time is't?" "It's twelve o'clock at nicht," she replied. "An' how the mischief can it be the last day if it's twelve o'clock at night?" returned John, as he laid his head again upon the pillow, with perfect indifference, and began to snore.

BREAKING THE SET.

A little boy of five went with his mother to make a call. The lady of the house, who was very fond of children, told him she intended to ask his mother to let her have him. "Don't you think that your mother would let me buy you?" she asked. "No," he said, "you haven't got money enough." "How much would it take?" she asked. "Three hundred pounds," he answered, "and you haven't got that much." "I think I could manage it," she said; "if I can will you come to me?" "No," he said with decision, "mamma wouldn't sell me alone. There are five of us, and mamma wouldn't like to break the set."

CONVICTING HIM.

The following is told of a Judge before whom a man was being tried for stealing the gold watch of a woman as she was entering a 'bus. The man declared that the watch was his, and the woman was mistaken in identifying it as hers. Suddenly the Judge asked, "Where's the key?" The prisoner fumbled in his pockets, and said he must have left it at home. The Judge asked him if he wound the watch frequently with the key, and he said "Yes." Then a key was procured, watch and key were handed the prisoner, and he was told to wind the watch. He opened the case, but could not find any place to use the key, because the watch was a keyless one. The sentence was five years.

PREPARED FOR THE WRATH TO COME.

A gentleman in Redcar has two sons, aged respectively eight and ten years. If Johnny and Eddie misbehave themselves during the day their mamma does not punish them herself, but reports their errors to the head of the household. When the father returned home early the other evening both boys, having been exceedingly mischievous that day, had been sent to bed. The paternal footsteps in the hall were heard by the brethren, both quaking between the sheets with fear. At length one of them whispered, "I say, Johnny, I think I'll sham asleep." "I won't, no fear!" returned Johnny. "I'm going to get up and put on three pairs of trousers. You're an awful muff to let him get that chance at you."

RATHER THE WORST OF THE BARGAIN.

A short time ago, just as the Market Hall clock was striking nine, a man presented himself at a pork-pie stall in a North-country market-place and said: "I say, gaffer, how much will tha tak' for a feed o' pies?" The owner of the pies eyed him from head to foot, then replied, "A shilling." "All reight," said the man; "here's the bob." The pie vendor asked the man which of the pies he would have. "What's t' price o' the little uns?" "Oh, those are twopence each." "Well," replied the man, "I'll ha' one o' them for a start." After consuming three twopenny ones, he asked the price of some others. "Oh, those are fourpence each." "All reight, I'll ha' one o' them na. He accordingly devoured four fourpenny ones, during which time the owner began to think he had got the worst of the bargain. The man then asked the price of "them big uns." "Oh, these are eightpence each." "All reight," said the devourer of pies, "I'll just ha' one of them, and then——" "And then what?" said the pie dealer, losing his temper. "Oh, I'll start wi' t' fourpenny uns agean." "Will you?" said the pie man; "I think not. "Here's your shilling; you had better go to a larger shop. I did not bring three stone of pork pies here to sell them all fora shilling." The man took the shilling and departed with a smile, leaving the owner of the stall wanting to bet ten to one that man could eat pork pies until he dare not look a pig in the face.

A REASONABLE REQUEST.

"Are you the editor?" enquired a tall, cross-eyed woman with wart on her nose. "I am," answered the man in the chair. "What can I do for you, madam?" "You published an item this morning about the arrest of a man named Gabe Plunkett for stealing a sack of flour, didn't you?" "It was among the police items, possibly; but I assure you, madam——" "And you said it was pleaded in his behalf that he had a helpless family at home, and was out of work, and was desperate?" "Likely enough, but of course——" "Well, my name's Plunkett, and my husband's name is Gabe Plunkett." "I am very sorry, my dear madam, but of course you understand——" "There are two Gabe Plunketts in this town. Our mail is always getting mixed. It wasn't my husband that was arrested." "In that case," said the editor, cordially, "we shall be happy to make a statement to that effect." "That's what I want. I want you to say to-morrow morning that the Gabe Plunkett that was run in for stealing a sack of flour for his family was not the Gabe Plunkett that lives at No. 614, Poverty-alley." "No. 614, Poverty-alley," repeated the editor, making a memorandum. "Got that down?" "Yes." "That the Gabe Plunkett who lives in that alley wasn't out of the house at all yesterday. Got that?" "Yes." "And that he hasn't energy enough to steal a sack of flour. Charge anything for putting all that in?" "No, madam." "Much obliged. Good morning." And she went out with a quick soldier-like step, leaving the astonished editor gasping helplessly in his chair.

TERRIBLE FLOODS IN CALIFORNIA.

A TOWN SUBMERGED.

WHOLE BUILDINGS SWEPT AWAY.

The floods in California, due to recent heavy rains, have been attended by great distress and terrible destruction of property. At Yuma, a town not far from the mouth of the Colorado river, the situation became so critical that it was found necessary to strengthen the levee against the swollen waters of the Gila. It was soon apparent, however, that the levee which was the only thing that stood between the town and destruction could not withstand the tremendous pressure of the rising floods much longer. The worst anticipations were soon realised. The levee gave way, and half the town was submerged. The most desperate exertions were made to stem the inflowing tide, and, by means of a hastily-built embankment, composed of earth and sacks of flour and meal, the absolute destruction of the town was averted. The whole of the Mexican quarter of the city, which covers some hundreds of acres, was flooded, however, more than a hundred houses being overwhelmed. The air was filled with the shrieks of women and children and the sound of falling masonry, as whole buildings were swept away. So far as can be at present ascertained only one man was drowned, the people having had ample warning, and saved themselves by timely flight. The levee on the Colorado river side of the town was cut, and the water thus prevented from rising further. Numerous business houses have been destroyed, and a large proportion of the population rendered homeless.

THE SHIRE HORSE SHOW.

The Shire Horse Show was yesterday visited by the Prince of Wales. The Champion Prize was awarded to Starlight. The Elsenham Cup was carried off by Lord Ellesmere's mare for the second time in succession. The Challenge Cup for the best mare in the yard was won by Starlight, the property of Mr F. Crisp, of New Southgate, London, a distinction which she won last year under different ownership. At the usual meeting of the Society Mr Robert Sutton Nelthorpe, Scawby Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire, was elected president for 1892.

TIT-BITS FROM "TRUTH."

A man of very sanguine temperament, Lord Beauchamp was always planning some project for the future. A characteristic anecdote is told of him. A week or two before his death he was in the gardens at Madresfield, and he asked his gardener how long a handsome avenue of picea would last. "Fifty years," was the reply. "Then we must have something ready to take their place," he said, and he promptly ordered fifty young oaks to be prepared for planting. He devised a little ceremony for the occasion, and it took place exactly a week before he died. He planted one tree himself, the Countess planted another, and all the children present planted trees. Spaces were also left for the three children who were absent to complete the ceremony when they came home.

I see that Mr Gladstone is interesting himself in the career of Lady Hamilton, because she was originally a servant-maid at Hawarden. This fact is mentioned by Madame Vigée Lebrun in her Memoirs. Madame Lebrun saw much of the future Lady Hamilton at Naples, when she was known as Miss Hart, and she recounts a good deal about her.

It is stated that last season a dirty picture, described as an "old master," was sold at Christie's for seven guineas. It was resold for £80, again for £700, and now, having been cleaned, and discovered to be a fine Terburg, it has been purchased for a Continental gallery for £2,000. It would be interesting to learn whether this story can be verified. Of course, extraordinary bargains have often been picked up at sales by shrewd purchasers, but it is really marvellous that at Christie's, of all places on the face of the earth, a picture really worth £2,000 should be allowed to go for £7.

I know myself of one miraculous transaction of this kind at Sèvres China. Early in the present century a gentleman presented a very valuable set with two vases as a wedding present. These vases stood for more than forty years on a cabinet in a Somersetshire rectory, without even attracting any particular notice, until a sale took place after their owner's death, at which they were bought for two guineas by a tradesman in Bath. Within a few weeks they were re-sold for six hundred guineas to a Bond-street dealer, who speedily disposed of them to the late Lord Derby for four thousand guineas.

The *Law Times*, which I take to be a well-informed paper on legal matters, last week constructed a cap which appeared to fit one of the judges. The cap was of a very ugly pattern. Attempts were at once made by other newspapers to fit the cap on to Mr Justice Stephen. This week the *Law Times* drops all disguise, and refers to Sir James Stephen by name in connection with facts which, if true, amount to a deplorable public scandal. The time for innuendo and veiled suggestion in this matter is therefore past. No one has a higher opinion than I have of the abilities of Sir James Stephen—when confined to their proper sphere. No one could learn with more regret that anything had incapacitated him from further usefulness within that sphere. When, however, statements such as are now current can be publicly made without prompt denial, it is evident that Sir James Stephen ought no longer to be allowed to exercise jurisdiction over the property, rights, and even the lives of the Queen's subjects.

Referring to my remarks last week on the latest Whitechapel murder, a correspondent recounts a case showing the advantage which the police may gain from systematically concealing themselves and watching suspected persons from their hiding places. It may, I hope, be taken for granted that these detectives who have had the Whitechapel mysteries in hand have adopted this plan among others; but why should not the police, in their day or nightly duty, occasionally resort to similar tactics? A constable on his beat, especially in a quiet neighbourhood, is, of all objects, the easiest to avoid. Even if he were so shod that the evil-deposed could not hear him coming, it would always be possible to see him. Naturally, in all crimes which are planned and premeditated this is carefully taken into account. It is not the fault of the constables, therefore, that so many crimes of this character pass undetected, but of the regulations which force them to observe such illicit tactics. With a little less woodenness and cut-and-dried discipline the police would be a vast deal more efficient.

THE POLICEMAN'S BOOT.

By Mr William Sikes.

I love it! I love it! and can't be mute
Then they talk of the Policeman's Boot,
What! change the boot that we dote on so?
A thousand times I would answer, No!
'Tis the felon's joy; 'tis the burglar's boast;
The habitual criminal's favourite toast!
And try as you may, you can ne'er compute
The love I bear to the Pliceman's Boot.

For since I came on the criminal scene
That boot has my confidant been;
It has served as a signal of danger nigh,
It has given me warning when to fly;
On the darkest night it has cheered my heart,
And nerved me anew to play my part,
Ay, well I know—for it's past dispute—
I've no stauncher friend than the Pliceman's Boot!

When cracking a crib I have no fear,
Whilst the "thud, thud, thud," of that boot sounds clear,
Be the weather misty or dry or damp,
When I hear that boot its dull "tramp, tramp,"
And the well-known echo comes up the street,
My pulse resumes its regular beat,
And I pack up my "swag"—which is slang for loot—
To the "thump, thump, thump" of the Pliceman's boot.

You may call it folly and deem me weak,
But it's out of the depth of my heart I speak.
Do anything else, but spare, oh, spare
The Blucher boot that our Plicemen wear!
You may change their staves, or their helmet's shape,
You may alter the cut of their coat or cape;
Ay, give them revolvers and let them shoot,
So long as you spare the Pliceman's Boot.

Not many weeks back I alluded to a lottery—of course on "Art Union" principles—promoted by some Irish football club for the purpose of increasing its funds. On that occasion I remarked that if such things were permitted in Ireland, they could not be kept out of England, and the "Darlington St. Augustine's Football Club" now appear to have formed the same opinion—and acted upon it. This club is now promoting a "Penny Drawing," or "Art Union Price Drawing," simply and undisguisedly "in aid of the club." Among the Art Union prizes offered are a "safety bicycle," a "silver-mounted briar in case," a "lady's workbox," and a "grand football bag." This lottery is, I take it, absolutely illegal. If it is not, then I do not see what is to prevent myself or any of my readers organising an "Art Union Drawing" in aid of our own funds.

A Boon to Stockton.—Never before was Stockton so electrified as now. Since Herr Cohen, the inventor of the Curative Coil Battery, made his appearance scores of households cheered through the wonderful cures effected by his method of applying electricity in cases of rheumatism, sciatica, neuralgia, headache, nervousness, indigestion, depression, backache, weak circulation, and general debility. Without exception this Battery has been proved to be the most simple and lasting method of relieving pain and suffering. This latest invention might truly be called the "Little Doctor," because it relieves neuralgia in a moment, nervous headache with one application, rheumatic pains in the joints in about five minutes, to the surprise of everybody, and only those know its value who use it.—January 15th, 1891. Dear Sir,—I purchased one of your Batteries when at Robinhaun, and may say that I am quite satisfied with my purchase, and would not be without it for twice the amount it cost. It is quite cured my wife of enlarged veins. The Battery has also been round about the neighbourhood for various other ailments, one in particular a man who had a slight sense of paralysis, on whom the doctor used it, and he was working again in a fortnight.—Yours respectfully, Arthur Stones.—The above battery may be had of Herr Cohen at the Temperance Hall, Dovecot-street, Stockton. Hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 7 to 8.—Advt.

Good Luck.—Buy your Wedding Ring from Poole, Middlesbrough, and ensure an elegant present to every purchaser.—Advt.

THE GATES OF EDEN.

By Annie S. Swan, Author of "Aldersyde," "Si Veda's," "Across Her Path," &c., &c.

CHAPTER XIII. (Continued).

James Bethune slightly shook his head, and the light in his eyes somewhat paled.

"It is only sometimes that hope whispers of such a joy. Oftener I am depressed by my own weakness, and overwhelmed by perplexities and thoughts which I can neither understand nor fathom."

"But these will be swallowed up in the wisdom of experience," Miss Lorraine said, earnestly. "There is confidence in knowledge, and when you get to the foundation of things, all perplexities will disappear."

"As the waves and their restless tossings are lost in the calmness of the ocean depths," he added, with a rare smile. "That is a great thought, Miss Lorraine, and full of comfort. I shall remember it all my life."

"But there will always be something—we must leave something which even knowledge cannot explain away. We are all life's mysteries revealed here, what would remain for us to learn yonder?" she said, softly. "I have a vast pity for those who have made scientific knowledge clear up all heavenly mysteries; for the joy of trust is denied them. In their innermost hearts I am sure they must often be miserable."

"Beatrice, my dear, I am sorry to disturb you," said the deep, rich voice of Dr. Kinross behind them. "But they are growing impatient to hear you sing again. Will you give us a 'The Lost Chord' now?"

"Yes, uncle."

She rose at once, smiled, and crossed the room. James Bethune, forgetful for a moment where he was, leaned his elbows on his knees and followed her every movement with his eyes. His heart was stirred within him; he could have gone down on his knees in the stillness of the night to ponder over the revelation she had been to him. For it is a great revelation to an earnest soul to find another as earnest, and to know himself not alone in his strivings after what is great. But suddenly the room filled with song once more—such song as James Bethune had never before heard, and did not dream had any existence in the world. It was the deepest yearning that can enter a human soul finding vent in fittest melody, and its tribute was a deep and sacred silence which seemed to fall on the assembled company like a benediction. When she ceased there was no applause, for pleasure, like all other emotions, is deepest and keenest when it finds no voice.

Then someone said it would be well to leave with such a softening memory of a happy evening, and so the guests began slowly to disperse.

"Where do you lodge?" asked the minister of Lochbroom briefly, stepping across to his brother's side.

"In Bank-street; will you come and share it with me?" asked Jamie eagerly, for somehow his heart yearned over his brother; he felt himself so destitute of those sweet human ties of which Beatrice Lorraine had spoken.

"Oh, no; I have rooms at the Windsor Hotel. You might walk down with me. We may as well have a chat when we can."

"Very well," said Jamie, quietly; but he could scarcely help turning away from his brother, he spoke in such a cold, common-place, distant way.

Just then Minnie Kinross slipped up to his side, and looked up at him with her innocent childish eyes.

"Well, Miss Minnie?"

"You have never told me that story you promised, and you talked all the time to Beatrice and never to me," she said, reproachfully. "Will you take me up Arthur's Seat on Saturday, Mr Bethune?"

"Yes; and I'll tell you two stories to make up," he said, smiling now, for the child's sunshine was irresistible.

"You should beware of what promises you make to Minnie, Mr Bethune," said Miss Kinross, laughing. "She will plague your life out now."

"It will not be for long, Miss Kinross; I leave Edinburgh next week."

"Indeed! I am very sorry; we will all miss you," said Dora Kinross, with genuine regret in her tone. "But Glasgow is not a thousand miles away; we shall see you often, I hope, else Minnie will be inconsolable. We shall miss you on Sabbath evenings most of all."

Dora Kinross was quite sincere in all she said, but she purposely spoke with greater warmth because the minister of Lochbroom was within hearing. She had been puzzled as well as surprised that they should never have been made aware of the relationship between the brothers; but after a little thought her shrewd perceptions had assisted her to a correct conclusion, and the Rev. Alexander Bethune fell accordingly in her estimation. It was a harmless delight to her to show him how very highly the brother whose existence he had thought it better to ignore was esteemed and honoured among them.

Although Dr. Kinross's drawing-room held Beatrice Lorraine, Saudy Bethune was glad to leave it that night. He was neither happy nor comfortable in his mind.

At the corner of Lauriston those who were walking home separated, and the two brothers pursued their way together along George IV. Bridge towards the New Town. Jamie was determined not to be the first to speak; unless in answer to questions, he would give no information regarding his way of life or future prospects.

"Well, how are you getting on? Well, I suppose, or you wouldn't be as you are. I must say you are wonderfully improved," said Sandy when they had gone some distance in silence.

"In what way?"

"In every way; you don't look so countrified, and you speak much more correctly. But how have you managed to lay aside the old Star dialect so quickly? You spoke broadly enough the last time I saw you; and now there is only a slight accent which betrays your Fife origin."

"I could have spoken English correctly enough long ago if I had seen the need," said Jamie, quietly. "I like the broad Scotch best yet; but it doesn't do for all company."

"I see. I heard you say to Miss Kinross you were going to leave Edinburgh. Where are you going?"

"To Glasgow."

"What to do?"

"Work as a reporter."

"Is that all? Why, from your airs one would think you were going as editor of the *Herald* or to fill some other equally responsible position. How on earth have you ever managed to get so intimate at St. Giles'?"

"I told you already," answered James Bethune, briefly, for Sandy's sneering tone wounded him as of yore.

"Can you wrote that article in *Chambers's?* They were praising it inordinately. Mr Brown, of Greyfriars, predicts for you a grand career. Well, I never thought it was in you."

"Are you sure of it now?"

Sandy laughed, and swung his cane backwards and forwards by his side. "Well, I suppose I must admit it now. I'm sure I wish you well. When did you see Aunt Susan?"

"A fortnight ago I was over."

"Who else did you see in the Star?"

"All the folk. They are quite well at the Knowe."

"Is Mary quite well?"

"She seems to be."

"They wouldn't ask for me, I suppose?"

"No; they never mention your name."

"I suppose they regard me in a very black light. What do you think of Miss Lorraine?"

"She is very beautiful. I had no idea she would be such a beautiful woman."

"Don't you remember me telling you that before?"

"Yes, but I allowed something for your imagination. Are you engaged to her?"

"I wish I was. I am just where I was when I saw you last. Do you know, I can hardly preach or attend to my work for thinking about her."

"Then the sooner you get the question settled the better for yourself and your people."

"But, man, I'm afraid to venture. If I lose her, I don't know what I shall do."

James Bethune could have smiled, even in the middle of his brother's impassioned speaking. To hear the cool, calculating, confident Sandy speak so humbly was wonderful indeed, and an abiding proof of the bewitching power of love.

"What were you speaking about over in your corner? You seemed to be deeply engrossed."

"I could not tell you all we said. She is a noble, good woman, Sandy. If you win her I hope you will make her happy."

"Do you think I have any chance? Did you speak about me at all? Of course she knows you are my brother now. I hope you didn't give her all the particulars of our early life. You'll soon learn now, Jamie, that it will be to your advantage to bury it in oblivion."

"Why?"

"Oh, because people in good society lay great stress on a man's antecedents. He is seldom judged on his own merits."

"Would you call the Kinrosses good society?"

"Certainly. Dr. Kinross's ancestors have been ministers in Lochcarbie for generations, and his brother, who is minister there now, is on intimate terms with all the county people."

"They don't seem to me to take up their heads much with folk's antecedents, and I have seen a good deal of them."

"Oh, well, perhaps, they are exceptions. You'll soon see I am right. Well, here's my hotel. Are you coming in?"

"No, it is after eleven; it is time I was away home. I am always in after six in the evening, if you care to look me up."

"Well, if there's nothing of particular interest at the Assembly I'll look in to-morrow evening. Good-night."

"Good-night."

"I hope you don't bear me any grudge for what I said last time we met," said Sandy, the clasp of his brother's hand touching a tender chord in his heart. "I did not mean to hurt you."

"It did hurt me, but I'll forget it now. I'm glad I've seen you again, Sandy. I have been lonely enough all winter."

So they parted with something of the old glow of brotherly affection in their hearts. Jamie wended his way slowly along Princes-street, which was almost deserted now save by the waifs and wanderers who frequent the streets of a city by night. The soft, star-gemmed sky beamed down in benignant pity on these poor wanderers, and the pure radiance of the young May moon lay like a veil of mystery over all. The breath of summer was in the mild and balmy air, and the first blossom of the mignonette sent up its sweet tribute to the midnight air. James Bethune crossed to the garden side, and walked slowly with his head bent, taking no heed of anything around him, for many thoughts oppressed him. He felt as if every step in life brought him face to face with new mysteries, with things hard to understand and harder to bear. That night he had obtained a glimpse of something which had hitherto had no place in his thoughts. It had dawned upon him that there were other things more desirable than fame or fortune—things which neither of these could buy. He had read much about the influence of women upon the conduct and affairs of men's lives; how the weak and erring had been raised, and the noble made nobler and better by a woman's love. The deepest feelings of his heart were stirred, and there came to him in the midnight stillness unutterable yearnings for some sweet influence which would satisfy the impulses of affection, now for the first time called into being. It would be too much to say he had learned to love Beatrice Lorraine in the brief hour of their acquaintance, only in her he had met the first woman who had the power to interest him. What influence was she to have upon his future life?

(To be continued.)

WHOSE WAS THE HAND?

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CHAPTER XXIV.

THE ROC'S EGG.

It was within an hour of the dinner party which was to precede Madame Perez's reception, and Dolores was sitting before her dressing-table, while the most fashionable hairdresser in Paris brushed and divided the long tresses of raven hair before building them up to the latest invention of his genius.

"Remember, Monsieur Jeck, my coiffure is to be Oriental—all that there is of the most Oriental," said Dolores, decisively.

Monsieur Jeck shrugged his shoulders despondently. All his inventive and imitative powers had of late been concentrated upon the school of Pompadour and Du Barri. But the Oriental, the school of drooping tresses and long plaits, the school which must needs restrict its operations to the hair that grew on the head of the subject, and could borrow nothing from art!

True, that in the subject now under his hands there was abundant material for artistic treatment, but the Oriental style offered no scope for the caprices of genius.

"Has Madame made up her mind irrevocably?" asked the hairdresser.

"Yes, yes, I tell you. My costume is Oriental."

"Then I have only to submit; but I must warn Madame that the Eastern style—the style of Rebecca of York—is not that which will most set off Madame's beauty."

"I detest Rebecca of York. Make me a coiffure à la Roxalane. Something light and gay. I don't want to look a tragedy queen."

"Has Madame any diamond crescents among her jewels?"

"As many as you like, Rosalie, bring me the case of crescents."

The lady's maid brought a large purple velvet jewel case, which she placed open on the marble dressing-table. There were crescents of diamonds and rubies, diamonds and sapphires, diamonds and emeralds, diamonds pure and simple."

"Ciel!" cried the coiffeur, "I see my way to a startling success."

He wove the soft black hair into three long plaits, and bound them round the small head in a triple coronet, and into this crown of plaited hair he stuck the jewelled crescents with an inimitable taste and lightness, until the dark hair served only as the background to a blaze of jewels.

"Yes, that will do," said Dolores, surveying herself in her hand-glass. "That will do very well for the Princess Badroulbadour."

Half an hour later her toilette was complete, and she went down to the morning room, where she was to receive her husband's guests, the dining-room being transformed for the evening reception.

Her Badroulbadour gown was of palest blush rose brocade, falling in long straight folds from the shoulders, clasped across the bust with a splendid heart-shaped emerald, and opening over a white satin petticoat, embroidered with an artful and artistic admixture of beetles' wings and emeralds. To the careless observer that glittering green embroidery looked one mass of emeralds, and seemed to represent wealth even greater than Perez Pero could command.

The millionaire gazed at his wife in a stupor of admiration.

"Dolores, why on earth have you put on all that splendour?" he exclaimed. "I have always understood that it was bad taste for a hostess to be finer than her guests."

"Nobody cares for good or bad taste under the Republic," answered Dolores. "I want people to talk about my dress, and for that one must be splendid and original. My fête to-night is to be a scene out of the Arabian Nights. Do you think I look like the Princess Badroulbadour?"

"You look very lovely," said Perez, who had never heard of Aladdin's wife.

"And you are proud of me, and that is all I want," answered Dolores, caressingly, "your human-ingots can appear as soon as they please. Ah, here comes mother."

Madame Quijada had shown no aspiring after originality in her toilet, but she was richly dressed in black brocade and diamonds, with a Spanish mantilla of valuable old lace, a costume which became her severe style of countenance better than any more brilliant toilet would have done. She was looking ill, and that calm dignity which had distinguished her appearance in the seclusion of the Rue St. Guillaume had given pla use to a nervous and sometimes restless manner, which a medical man would at once have recognised as the manner of a sufferer from alcoholic poisoning in some form or other.

"I hope you are satisfied at last, madame," said her son-in-law; "all Paris is coming to see what a fool an old man can make of himself for the sake of a pretty woman."

"If the woman is only pretty enough all Paris will go away convinced of your good sense," retorted Dolores, gaily.

M. and Madame Joffroy were announced in the next minute, and Dolores showed the most amiable *empressement* in receiving a tall, gaunt personage in sapphire velvet and rubies, who twenty years earlier had been the cynosure of a drinking cellar in the vicinity of the Boulevard St. Michel, and who was now the discontented wife of one of the richest men in Paris.

More guests arrived. Herr Hanaroth and his daughters, young ladies who gave themselves tremendous airs on the strength of their father's wealth, and who were rendered miserable by their father's shabby coats and by certain little mistaken eccentricities of which he could not divest himself, although living in princely style and allowing his girls to get their gowns from the most expensive *faiseur* in Paris, which meant a corresponding expensiveness in all the minor details of their toilet, the great *faiseur* taking the word "Thorough" for his motto, and insisting upon his clients striving after ideal perfection in the art of dress. "A badly cut corset, or a hair's breadth too much thickness in a petticoat will spoil the finest conception of a lady's tailor," said the great *faiseur*.

Two more financiers appeared, these without women kind, and in the little bustle and talk which followed upon their entrance Madame Quijada drew her daughter aside.

"He is in Paris," she whispered.

"Not Leon?" questioned Dolores, nervously.

"Yes, Leon. I received a letter from him just now, while I was dressing."

"I never want to see him again."

"But he is coming to your party to-night. You must receive him civilly."

"He has no business to invite himself to my party—after leaving Paris without a word of adieu—and never writing to us in all these months."

"He is your cousin. He heard of your party from strangers, and it was scarcely strange he should invite himself. You must be civil to him, Dolores. You were only too fond of him once. You can at least afford to be polite and friendly to him to-night."

"I won't be uncivil," answered Dolores, moodily, "but I wish he were not coming. I don't want him to cross my threshold."

Her face had clouded over, all the girlish gaiety had gone from her manner as she took M. Joffroy's arm and led the way into the dining-room, where the arrangement of table, flowers, and lighting was exquisite.

All her pleasure in the prospect of the evening's triumph was damped by the return of this man, whose coming had once been looked forward to with feverish impatience, whose absence had made the world seem a blank. She had had much time for quiet thought since her marriage with Pedro Perez, and her wide nature had changed for the better since her position had been legitimised, and she was able to look society straight in the face. Her heart was young enough and warm enough to be touched by an old man's affection, and now that she no longer considered herself a prisoner and a slave, she felt sincerely grateful to her millionaire husband.

Disenchantment had slowly followed upon Leon's prolonged absence. She had begun to question the merits of the man she had admired, and whose misfortunes had appealed to her pity. Little by little she began to see the charitan where she had seen the genius, and the cold-hearted adventurer where she had imagined the careless, happy-go-lucky student, whose difficulties were a natural result of the artistic temperament.

As the evening went on, however, she tried to banish all thought about this unbidden guest. He would only be one among many, she told herself. She could dismiss him with a word.

The dinner seemed a slow business to the women of the party, but the financiers en